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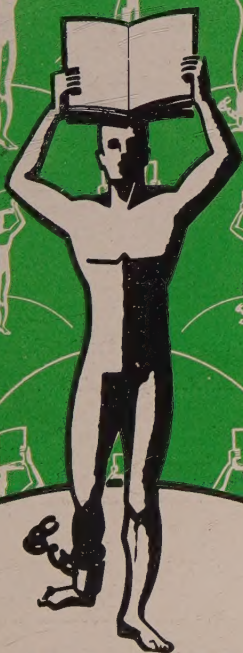
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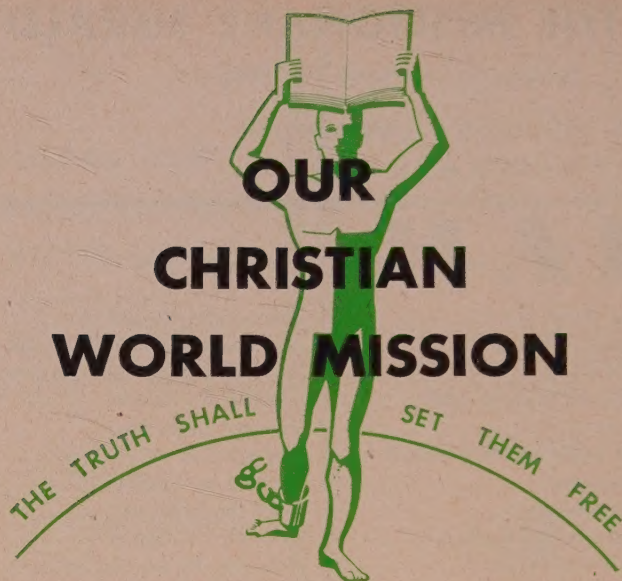
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According to a recent press report, the president of a Balkan country, soon after gaining power, spoke over the radio from a rural settlement of that presently beleaguered and shackled country—where there are more than 12,000 Congregational Christians in their 172 self-supporting churches and religious centers.

Following the party-line harangue, a stubbornly independent old peasant moved forward, and after examining the microphone asked the new head-of-state to explain the gadget, the like of which he had never seen before.

When the leader indulgently explained that the instrument could carry his voice over the air to the farthest places—even to the United States—the old man asked if he too could speak. "Only I make radio speeches here," was the reply. "But permit me to say three words," the canny peasant persisted—without avail. "Only two words?" Again, a refusal. "Then maybe one word, please?" The president weakened. After all, what harm or significance could there be in only one word? Whereupon the daring old peasant stepped forward, took a long, deep breath, and into the microphone shouted this one, single, unmistakable word: "HELP." A desperate and revealing plea, echoing the world round.

Our Immediate Response

Our Christian World Mission is our response, as Congregational Christians, to the cry of all people, both at home and abroad, who find themselves fettered, harassed and frustrated in this time not only of turmoil

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but also of tremendous possibilities. The response is interdenominational.

It is our Protestant challenge to all faiths and ideologies, both secular and religious, which regard liberty as a false god that mankind has outgrown and that must now be dethroned in favor of a regimented and controlled way of life. Ideas are important at this time. Various faiths are contesting for men's loyalties. Demi-gods of many sorts are demanding total worship. Therefore, this new program for 1949 is set in a Christian framework of theology. But it is focussed upon human freedom.

If you are sick and tired of the way things are going, and are fed up with halfway measures and dead-end solutions which get us nowhere, *Our Christian World Mission* is your opportunity and your chance to do something hopeful and Christian.

This new venture is our Congregational Christian effort to help make available for all mankind the free but committed life in Christ; to unloose energies now held in bonds of fear, hunger and futility; and to open vistas of hope to uncounted millions who need and want, more than anything else, freedom and the security of belonging to a community.

WHAT THE HEADLINES TELL US

What are these arbitrary forces which ensnare and enslave so many of our fellowmen today? What is this evil thing from which people yearn to be and must be freed? What makes *Our Christian World Mission* so imperative and urgent right now?

Newspaper headlines tell us every day: violence, insecurity, hunger, confusion, repression. They add up to a "dictatorship of fear." And voices — millions strong — are crying out for help — for deliverance from frustration and despair, for release from poverty and disease, for liberation from superstition and confusion, for freedom from the myriad of inner and outer tyrannies which are besetting us.

Decisions — desperate decisions — are being made each day, either in faith or from sheer despair. We live in a decisive span of history. And the future depends upon the way we go!





Therefore, that short, staccato cry of a single Balkan peasant takes on universal portent: for all Christians, but in particular for us Congregational Christians who have labored consistently and intensively, within our pattern of a free faith, for the growth and nurture of men and women with a capacity to think clearly for themselves, and to stand independently on their own feet — socially, morally and spiritually. To the historic Magna Charta, and to the Declaration of Independence, our forefathers added, and we add today, the eternal principles of divine justice and mercy from which true liberty always flows.

Therefore, in the strength of these, our living convictions, we propose to answer this most immediate Macedonian cry for help.

AN IDEA AND A MESSAGE

Implicit in *Our Christian World Mission* is an idea and a message. It is the proposition that the Christian gospel is the only power strong enough to release the creative energies bound and locked up in our world today, and that it is the only force equal to the task of keeping the world from abusing its liberty once attained.

"The dynamic tensions of our society can be relieved only by moral and social wisdom," declares the most recent *Rockefeller Foundation Review*. "And that kind of wisdom cannot be precipitated in a test tube nor can it be won by the brilliant processes of nuclear physics."

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It is found in the Christian gospel. This may sound like a very bold claim. It is. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth and the life." The Christian religion does not regard itself as just another idea in the present world's welter of ideologies. It is the truth which makes men free, and it is not ashamed or embarrassed to say so. *Our Christian World Mission* is based upon the belief that the Christian gospel reaches deeper, goes farther and offers infinitely more in terms of freedom, redemption and security than any other faith, life-view or ideology on earth. It is the living word — held high above their heads with confidence and assurance — by all the truly liberated people on the globe.

To take this gospel to the world, to demonstrate its effectiveness, and "to make evident by visible proof" its liberating power, is to give mankind a new lease on life. This is the special mission of our churches. It is the task of *Our Christian World Mission*, at home and abroad. Missions can no longer be a marginal or peripheral concern or activity.

A Unified Program

We Congregational Christians are not undertaking this program of advance in "splendid isolation." Petty ecclesiastical rivalries are excluded. We are joined with the major Protestant denominations of the United States and Canada — represented by 108 boards of foreign missions



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...in times of urgent needs and growing costs!



and twenty-seven boards of home missions — in a courageous, forward-looking, unified program at home and abroad. It is the result of months of mutually constructive thinking and planning. Organization and cooperation are essential.

An old Chinese story about an emperor and his search for a prime minister points up what we mean.

All the men of wisdom in the land were first called together. They pondered and consulted for many days. At last the field was narrowed to four men — four statesmen almost equal in virtue, stature and ability. The emperor then devised a final test. Inviting the four candidates to a private feast, he seated them at a small table, two on either side. Rare and tempting delicacies were set before them. And each was provided with a pair of chopsticks four feet long.

The embarrassed competitors tried politely to lift the viands to their mouths with these unwieldy instruments — but in vain. Although they managed to pick up the food, the guests could not bring the morsels to their lips. The chopsticks were just too long.

After much clumsy effort, accompanied by great chagrin, one of the gentlemen proposed a practical solution. "We should organize," he said. "This feast is ours if each of us will only feed the man across from him." In happy agreement the four thereupon commenced to dine. And the emperor, recognizing the ingenuity of this guest, made him his prime minister. He knew how to get things done by cooperation.

In our program of advance, we Congregational Christians are also organized for cooperation. Our fellowship learned long ago that teamwork pays in any worthwhile enterprise. Teamwork puts teeth into our theology.

URGENT NEEDS AND GROWING COSTS

In the face of strife, frustration, indifference and hunger on a world scale, the task of *Our Christian World Mission* is made increasingly difficult because of rising costs accompanied by greater demands.

Inflation is one discouraging fact. The price of liberty today is not

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only eternal vigilance. It is also a meeting of the steady rise in costs, which have climbed sixty-five per cent since 1941 in the United States, and much more in the overseas countries where our missions operate. Indeed, our present mission program cannot survive without additional funds. New projects, new missionaries, new methods take more money today than they ever took before.

But our churches cannot go forward with their liberating gospel while remaining backward through their fear of cost!

We Congregational Christians will not be deterred. Our choice today is between advancing resolutely and retreating shamefully. We will advance. We have the resources. All that we need now is the spirit of sacrifice to make good this undertaking.

What if the expense of saving and setting free is great? It is much less than the cost of destruction and enslavement. Out of gratitude for the gift of God entrusted to us, and thankful for our inheritance of independence, we Congregational Christians must and will go forward with the gospel to all who are fettered and held down by hunger, indifference, frustration and strife.

This, then, is our world-wide Congregational Christian program in today's world. If you are looking for a sound faith and a practical program of action, *Our Christian World Mission* is the answer to your search. And the success of this venture depends upon you and your church. Freedom is everybody's job!

THE COMPLETION OF OUR POSTWAR EMERGENCY PROGRAM

The completion of our Postwar Emergency Program before December 31, 1948 will give immediate relief in critical situations.

The budget of *Our Christian World Mission* will be forthcoming in 1949. The early completion of our Postwar Emergency Program will set free this year at least \$1,750,000 that is still due that fund.

So many have been the demands for money to aid existing churches weakened by recent migrations and other social forces, and to build high potential churches in unchurched communities that our Church Building Department's reserves are nearly exhausted.

Unexpected and unforeseen opportunities overseas call for help. The need for additional missionaries is unprecedented. Young people are answering the call and are ready to go. We cannot wait until 1949 for the money to send them.

So, let every church examine itself and plan to complete its share of the Postwar Emergency Program before December 31, 1948.

Make plans now for a Thanksgiving Offering for *The Upbuilding of our Churches at Home and Abroad* on Thanksgiving Sunday or some other convenient time. Each gift will count toward the Increased Apportionment Giving of our Postwar Emergency Program. The minimum goal for each church is as many dollars as there are members. Many members will need to give large special gifts. This is our Victory Offering for the completion of Increased Apportionment Giving in our Postwar Emergency Program.



Freedom begins at home. "The deep fountains of freedom are within the soul." To be authentic and real, liberty must first be a spiritual possession. It is not achieved by merely claiming it.

Until it has become a quality of mind and heart, freedom is superficial, and cannot long withstand the pressures of dead conformity, the challenges of secularized culture, the temptation to take short cuts to swift ends that are proffered by political dictators and religious charlatans. Its meaning must be constantly rethought. Only those who are genuinely emancipated can bring authentic freedom to the world.

Therefore, *Our Christian World Mission* starts from our own doorsteps — here in our own lives, in our own churches and communities. And what does this imply? What does it mean for you and for your church?

This Is Our Task

"The church today is called to live in a new Apostolic Age, set in the midst of an alien and hostile culture," declares Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of our Board of Home Missions.

"It is a commonplace that other faiths now contending for the allegiance of mankind are fighting faiths, pressing their cause with missionary zeal. The proper strategy of Christian action for our day is the same strategy that the Christian fellowship has always adopted when it has found itself a small minority in the midst of a pagan or religiously neutral culture.

"In this situation the church has always given first attention to the in-

tegrity of its own life, the purity of its witness, and the upbuilding of the Christian community so that it may have enough vitality to interpenetrate the surrounding culture. This is our need and task today," Dr. Douglass concludes.

And so, *Our Christian World Mission* at home provides for the intensification as well as the extension of our churches' life and action, and the upbuilding of the Christian community through:

1. The organizing and nurturing of new churches in the unchurched communities of our land;
2. The revitalizing of our marginal churches in communities which have suffered critical religious depletion;
3. Renewed and greater emphasis upon the teaching office of the church, and reconstituting the Christian family as the primary center of religious education;
4. The recruiting and training of a strong lay and professional leadership, prophetic of fresh life for the Christian movement;
5. Cooperation with our State Conferences in special projects requiring support and help which the family of churches alone has the power to give;
6. A distinctive witness in the area of race relations, and a continuance of our historic ministry of justice and mercy in the struggle of underprivileged and minority peoples for liberation from the shackles of unequal opportunity;
7. An accelerated and adequate program of social action to make Christian faith and life immediately relevant to the concrete social situation of our day;
8. The development and use of audio-visual materials and aids in a wider and more effective communication of the gospel;
9. Adequate and decent security for our full-time church workers in the time of their retirement.



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1940-'47



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56% of the population have moved between 1940 and 1947

is imperative in times of rapid growth in population of a steadily moving nation!

A MOBILE POPULATION

A mobile population and an immobile church conspire together to form a social and spiritual wasteland. But a mobile population and a mobile church create together the possibilities of a new and free society.

People everywhere are in motion. Not even in ancient times were there such mass migrations. Fifty-six per cent of the persons who live in our land changed residence since 1940. This has resulted in a startling redistribution of population. Since the same year there has been an increase of more than ten million in actual numbers. The number of children under five years of age has increased more than thirty-six per cent in this period. On the Pacific coast, there has been a phenomenal increase.

Results Of Population Shifts

As the result of these population shifts and growths, 5,191 new Protestant churches are needed at once in the United States, according to a recent interdenominational survey. Man is incurably addicted to a belief in something. He will not remain for long without some fundamental world-view. If he does not worship God as revealed in Christ, and come to know the truth which alone sets men free, he will turn to some other faith, ideology, or life-view. And we have to recognize the fact that some of these newer communities, largely secularized and superficially sophisticated, are scarcely more likely to provide themselves with strong centers of Chris-

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tian faith and influence than is a town in the deepest interior of India.

A free society can get along with little else so long as it has its inner freedom. That was what the Pilgrims brought with them to New England. That and scarcely more. "Laws, freedom, truth and faith in God came with those exiles o'er the waves." They built a society of Christian culture, of wealth and political greatness. But they erected it upon a spiritual and moral foundation. As long as the foundation stands, the superstructure is safe and sound. *Our Christian World Mission* is based on the conviction that a free society cannot long endure and prosper without the primary Christian ideals of justice and mercy, from which authentic freedom is derived.

"O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America, America, God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty with law."

NEW CHURCHES NEEDED

United Protestant churchmanship, believing that an unchurched community is a spiritual wasteland, has evolved a forward-looking, strategically-unified program for churchless areas through comity assignments to various denominations.

This program involves the construction of an estimated 5,191 new Protestant churches in the United States; the recruiting and training of a strong leadership to guarantee vitality in these new communities; and the supplying of denominational resources during the development and maturing period of these younger churches.

Our Congregational Christian share in this cooperative and united Protestant strategy, based upon our proportion of Protestant membership and expected losses, calls for the construction and organization of 205 new churches. But of this number, through a deficiency of funds, only a few dozen are underway — and anticipated funds are not now in sight for their completion.



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Meanwhile, for lack of adequate houses of worship, Congregational Christian people are meeting in all types of buildings, from vacant stores to cemetery chapels.

Many older churches are destitute because of loss by fire or tornado. Others are using buildings which are obsolete and utterly inadequate to meet the needs of the communities in which they serve.

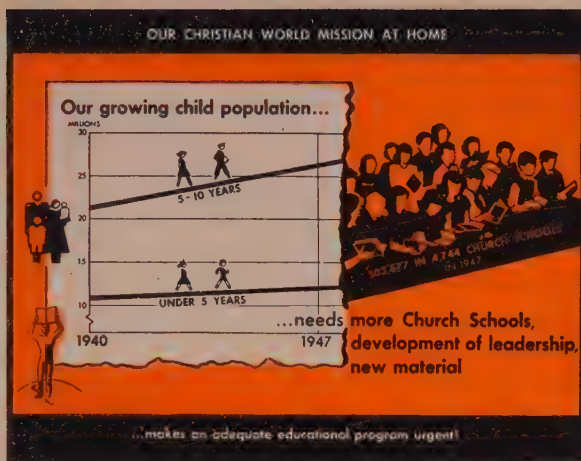
Is this because our fellowship of Congregational Christians is chained by its own indifference and apathy? Costs may be considerable but, comparatively, we are not so poor that we must fail in this, our simple duty. Therefore, *Our Christian World Mission* proposes to secure funds to aid in the construction of these churches. The price of Christian truth may seem high in terms of dollars, but not so high as the price of human deterioration in terms of spiritual poverty.

MARGINAL CHURCHES

Some of our churches stand at the parting of the ways — between extinction and useful existence. They are called "marginal," like the farmlands where harvests come hard, but they are both important and possible. A helping hand on the borderline will draw such churches which are both urban and rural into valuable production. Left to themselves, they will wither and die. They must not die because of our neglect.



Our increasing child population needs more church schools. There are at least 3,800,000 more children in U. S. under five years than in 1940. Of our 5,783 churches, 975 have no church schools or programs of religious education. We must build additional facilities.



Here and there, it is true, a church may conscientiously be allowed to close. Or, a group of churches may wisely be federated or merged. But this gives no adequate account of the net loss of some 1,173 Congregational Christian churches in the last twenty-five years. Their disappearance is appalling, both in cause and effect. And we face continued losses unless we do something about the problem without delay.

Many of these marginal churches can grow into strong, self-supporting, productive centers of Christian freedom and fellowship — with temporary but immediate denominational assistance. Others must depend indefinitely upon denominational help. A few, perhaps, will be linked in larger parishes. But the point is that no church must be lost by default.

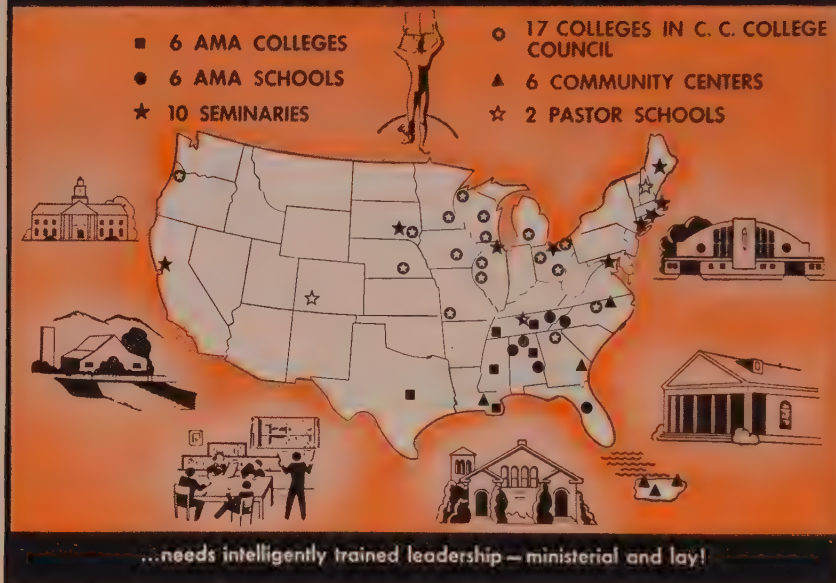
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The world of tomorrow is born at the birth of each child. The future of our country — and the world — lies germinating in the children of today. And the churches that are to grow are being planted in the church schools here and now.

By faith and history, we Congregational Christians are committed to the development of children and young people who are able to stand on their own feet, to play a Christian role in the world of affairs, and to be decent as well as clever. Our goal is the building of freedom-loving personalities — saved from and unhindered by the frustrations, fears and anxieties that rob existence of its hope.

It is, therefore, appalling to learn that half of the children and young people in the United States receive no formal Christian instruction. Of our 5,783 Congregational Christian churches, 975 have no church schools or programs of religious education! Our growing child population needs more church schools. This involves also the development of leadership and the production of more adequate curricular materials.

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Through *Our Christian World Mission*, we must fashion and implement in a far more adequate way than at present programs of Christian education which, year by year, help our young to grow in the experience and expression of a free and well-informed faith — to counteract the mounting tide of secular, even pagan, thought and living.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Our Congregational forefathers — who brought with them the concept of freedom, having seen and suffered from the suppression of liberty in Europe — knew by sound instinct that "if people were to govern themselves in state and church, opportunity for education must be provided."

As the result, there stretches out from coast to coast, beginning in New England, a chain of schools and colleges founded by Congregational Christian churches and devoted to the education of a free people in a free society. Our forefathers knew the importance of Christian education.

Harvard was the first. Then followed Yale, Dartmouth, Williams, Bowdoin, Middlebury and Amherst. Mount Holyoke, Smith and Wellesley were founded for "the training of young women for usefulness." Then began the southern and western movement. More than 500 schools and colleges for the education of Negroes were established under the auspices of our American Missionary Association.

There are seventeen colleges in our Congregational Christian College Council — beginning with Beloit and ending with Yankton. In addition,

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there are ten Congregational Christian seminaries, six community centers, and two pastors' schools. And this does not take into account all those institutions, founded originally by Congregational Christians, which are now self-supporting and independent.

Our concern for education is one of the chief elements of our Congregational Christian heritage. It must not be lost or neglected. For freedom depends in large part upon the intellectual discipline and the emotional maturity which Christian education makes possible.

And through *Our Christian World Mission*, which will provide funds for the strengthening of these schools and colleges in the United States and for the maintenance and development of other Christian ministries on the campuses of America, we Congregational Christians clearly reveal and strongly renew our historic concern.

SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, SEMINARIES

The Congregational Christian College Council

Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin. Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota. Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. Doane College, Crete, Nebraska. Drury College, Springfield, Missouri. Elon College, Elon, North Carolina. Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois. Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin. Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan. Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon. Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia. Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin. Schauffler College, Cleveland, Ohio. Yankton College, Yankton, South Dakota.

American Missionary Association

Schools: Cotton Valley School, Tuskegee, Alabama. Fessenden Academy, Martin, Florida. Lincoln Academy, Kings Mountain, N. C. Lincoln School, Marion, Alabama. Pleasant Hill Community Center, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee. Trinity School, Athens, Alabama. Colleges: Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tennessee. Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama. Tillotson College, Austin, Texas. Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi. Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. Other Stations: Brick Rural Life School, Bricks, North Carolina. Dorchester Cooperative Community, McIntosh, Georgia. Flint-Goodridge Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. Puerto Rico Church Work, Humacao, Puerto Rico. Ryder Memorial Hospital, Humacao, Puerto Rico. Yuquiyu Rural Community, Luquillo, Puerto Rico.

Seminaries

Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts. Atlanta Theological Seminary Foundation, Nashville, Tennessee. Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Maine. Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Connecticut. Howard University School of Religion, Washington, D. C. Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio. Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. Yankton College School of Theology, Yankton, South Dakota.

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COOPERATION WITH STATE CONFERENCES

One of the important elements in our Congregational Christian structure is the well-organized State Conference. Our forty State Conferences serve as denominational channels for directing the local ministry into wider fields of service, and for bringing to the local churches a constant flow of strength and vitality from the fellowship as a whole.

Note, for example, the connection between the whole and its parts in our Delmo Project in southeastern Missouri. As a denomination, we are aiding through this project some 2,500 evicted sharecroppers to build economic and spiritual security in a new community under Christian auspices. The project is administered through our Missouri Conference. Our national Board of Home Missions contributes \$6,300 a year to Delmo, and thus every Congregational Christian church has a share in it—and in many other similar projects. Here freedom and fellowship are at work together.

Our *Christian World Mission* is pledged to the strengthening and support of our State Conferences and such projects as require the backing and support of our fellowship as a whole. A great project turns piety into freedom and power.

"THE SHROUD OF COLOR"

"Western civilization has for its inner soul or substance a special cluster of ideas," declares W. T. Stace in *The Destiny of Western Man*. "The chief

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members of this cluster are: (1) the infinite value of the individual; (2) the equality of all men; (3) individualism; and (4) liberty." Most of us look upon these ideas as fundamental and precious.

But there is also in our United States a *Shroud of Color*, as Countee Cul-
len has called the death-sheet which imprisons and smothers an entire race. And it would indeed be dishonest if we did not face the fact that many of us are a long way from accepting this "cluster of ideas" in its entirety, to say nothing of practicing all of the ideas.

American Missionary Association

But for years — more than one hundred — we Congregational Christians, through our American Missionary Association, have been working to gain freedom for the Negro. In addition to the founding and support of schools and colleges, the American Missionary Association has its Race Relations Department, with a series of significant projects under way: regional institutes, city surveys, the publication of books and pamphlets, and other carefully planned ventures. Through the services of the American Missionary Association our churches have influenced — profoundly, permanently and redemptively — the character of American life.

By generously supporting *Our Christian World Mission*, we may do at least two constructive services in respect to better race relations: (1) deliver



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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



LEGISLATING COMMITTEE



JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMITTEE



INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

...must strengthen our program of social action!

ourselves from slavery to the customs and persistent attitudes which permit discrimination; and (2) help our American Missionary Association and our Council for Social Action to introduce and to fulfill the true meaning of free personal and interpersonal life as it may yet be lived by a happier breed of mankind.

FOR JUSTICE, SECURITY AND FREEDOM

"Stirred by the deep need of humanity for justice, security and spiritual freedom, and clearly persuaded that the gospel of Jesus can be the solvent of social as of all other problems," the General Council in June, 1934, voted to create our Council for Social Action.

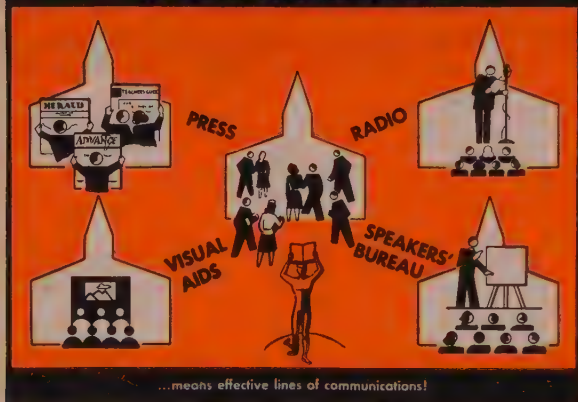
Through its International, Agricultural, Legislative, and Industrial Committees, the Council is hard at work for a free society in which people may live without fear; where minorities shall receive their rights; and where children may grow up to be spiritually as well as physically healthy. In addition to these committees, the Council carries on its program through special institutes, literature, and the widespread activities of its competent staff.

Urging and establishing opportunities for open discussion of all issues, the program of the Council for Social Action begins with the individual Christian in his local church and community. Here is where the important decisions are made. The Council lays much stress on personal conviction, freely formed and freely expressed.

For example, under the auspices of the International Relations Committee, groups of Congregational Christian ministers and laymen from many states have participated in United Nations Seminars, held both at Lake Success and in New York City. These visitors have seen the United Nations at work, conferred with its staff members, and then have participated in private sessions with discussion leaders who are specialists in international affairs. This is the type of educational service rendered by the committees of the Council.



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Our churches should be swift to take advantage of the newer media of communication. The radio, movies, the press, when free, constitute powerful agents in making a free society. God's minute can be shared through these mediums by millions of people.

"The social imperative of the Christian gospel is to strive continually for the redemption of society," so speaks the Director of the Council for Social Action. "Our Christian World Mission seeks to implement this concern of our churches." And it is eternally true that a redeemed society is a creative society — such as our gospel makes possible when applied.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION

The radio, movies and the press — when free — constitute a powerful agent in making a free society. And though they bring us all — east, west, north and south — into the same town meeting, they will never replace the face-to-face contacts so important in group relations. But they do offer our churches another method — unique and new and fresh — to carry out the command of the Master: "Go ye therefore . . ."

Our churches should be swift to take advantage of these instruments of communication. Our cause of freedom is working against time. Spiritual



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vision and television belong together. God's minute can be shared through the use of these instruments by millions at the same moment. Our churches cannot go forward with their liberating gospel by remaining backward through their fear of novelty or cost.

Although much could be written about the development and use of audio-visual materials and our literature, let us consider briefly the program and possibilities of our Radio Committee, linked through the Joint Radio Committee with the Methodists, the Presbyterians, the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and the United Church of Canada.

The work of the committee has centered in two major efforts: (1) an educational program for ministers, religious educators, and lay members of our churches in the techniques and use of radio; and (2) the preparation for local radio stations of religious programs, not easily produced with the facilities available in the average community. The committee has adopted three methods for teaching in the field of religious radio: workshops and courses; institutes in local communities; and the distribution of texts and information to religious broadcasters.

Our Christian World Mission provides for the development and use of these newer instruments for the wider communication of the gospel. They cost money. But they also produce results. And our methods must be as new as invention makes possible.



FREE FROM WORLDLY CARES

Those who forget themselves should be remembered by others. Only so can self-sacrifice be rewarded. In a world of self-interest there must be adequate provision for people who give up self-interest for the common good, and who choose to serve.

After a lifetime of such service the religious worker is entitled to some security for his closing years. In the call issued to a minister by a church in 1848 this sentence occurred: "In order that our pastor may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we agree to pay the sum of \$500." Never mind now the amount of money which a church in 1848 considered an adequate salary. Note rather the stated reason for there being any salary at all: "that our pastor may be free from worldly cares."

Even while in active service a man can do a better job for others if not consumed by worry about his own future. It is a relief not to look forward to a dependent old age. The joy of retirement lies in its independence and freedom from cares.

Adequate annuities for teachers and workers in our American Missionary Association schools and colleges, for our missionaries, and for all who give their entire effort and their lives to the work of our churches are simply a part of our normal obligation as a fellowship of Christians. *Our Christian World Mission* will help us to meet this responsibility.

NEW LITERATURE

1. *Latest Report on the Status of the Postwar Emergency Program* Free
Where do we stand? What needs to be done now?
2. *Thanksgiving Offering Service and Envelopes* Free
Designed for the Thanksgiving Offering on November 21 to assure the success of our Increased Apportionment Giving in the Postwar Emergency Program.
3. *Our Christian World Mission Brochure* Free
The October issue of *The Missionary Herald* and Conference Editions, containing the full and official story of *Our Christian World Mission*.
4. *Pictographs* Free
A set of 33 pictographs, 22 x 28, telling in graphic form the needs to be met through *Our Christian World Mission*. Two hundred sets available in State Conference offices.
5. *Questions and Answers* Free
The answers to the questions most frequently asked about *Our Christian World Mission*. A pocket-size edition of our 1949 task.
6. *Speakers' Kit* Free
This kit will contain the copy of the brochure, an outline address on *Our Christian World Mission*, and other material for speakers.
7. *Every Member Canvass Work Kit* Free
The annual E.M.C. kit will contain new leaflets for church distribution, a large poster, the *Every Member Canvass* in outline, and other materials.

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PILGRIM FRONTIER

Edition

Conference of Southern California and the Southwest

COPIES OF THIS ISSUE AVAILABLE

This issue of the Missionary Herald-Pilgrim Frontier is the official brochure on "The Postwar Emergency Program," which ends December 31, and "Our Christian World Mission," the Program of Advance for our denomination for 1949 and 1950.

Free copies of this issue for distribution in our churches may be had from the Conference office. When the supply is exhausted reprints of the Missionary Herald section may be secured from The Missionary Herald, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Two great imperatives confront us as churches and as a fellowship: To insure the successful completion of The Postwar Emergency Program this year by exceeding local church goals, and to include in the church's benevolence budget for 1949 its commensurate share in "Our Christian World Mission" which will mark an advance in missionary work at home and abroad. Study this brochure and help educate your church regarding it.

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES IN EUROPE

As a representative of the West Coast superintendents, Supt. Dreier left New York July 23 with a study group of the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction to visit England, France, Italy, Switzerland and the Low Countries, possibly Greece and Germany. He attended some sessions of the World Council of Churches. He will be back in the Conference

office Sept. 20. He will speak at the fall association meetings and in our churches, giving a first-hand view of conditions in Europe.

Rev. Wm. D. Pratt also was an observer at the meetings of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam.

GENERAL COUNCIL VOTES IN MERGER

The General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, on June 22 at Oberlin, Ohio, voted to merge with The General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. A series of clarifying interpretations of the Basis of Union was included in the vote, satisfying those previously opposed to the merger. Out of 1,102 delegates only a dozen votes were registered in the negative.

On the basis of this new document it is hoped that by Nov. 1 sufficient churches which have not voted or which previously voted "No" will approve the merger, making the percentage of the churches favoring at least seventy-five percent.

The official ballot for this vote reads: "Resolved, that this Church, in view of the actions taken at the General Council of the Congregational Churches at Oberlin, in June, 1948, which actions expressed the Council's interpretation of, and approval of, the Basis of Union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, now registers its vote as follows:

In favor ; Opposed ."

It is probable that within a year 300 delegates from our fellowship will meet with 300 E. and R. delegates to consummate the merger.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFERENCE CHILDREN'S WORKER



Dorothea M. Anderson

Miss Dorothea M. Anderson joined the conference staff as Children's Worker and associate of George D. Jenkins, Minister of Christian Education, August 15.

Born in India of missionary parents she went to India as a missionary following the completion of her education but was furloughed home due to malaria. She was a public school teacher in California for five years and a weekday Christian education teacher in Pasadena 1945-47.

For the past year she was Director of leadership Education for children's workers for the Methodist Board of Christian Education, traveling to all parts of the country from her headquarters in Nashville.

She knows religious education. As her supervisor said: "Miss Anderson is in my thinking the finest teacher for this type of work I have seen.

She has an innate love of children coupled with an experience in the mission field and a deep personal Christian experience that gives the added 'plus' which is so necessary to teaching."

She will share with Mr. Jenkins in the field of leadership training as well as helping our churches with materials and methods for children and youth. A long quest for a leader in this field is ended. We commend her to our ministers and churches. She lives with her mother in Glendale.

CONFERENCE SUMMER CAMP

George D. Jenkins, Minister of Christian Education, shared in camps in Kern, Arizona and New Mexico-El Paso Association, though giving his major time to Pilgrim Pines Camp.

The new chapel at Pilgrim Playground in Arizona, almost complete, was used for the first time and was made possible largely through a gift from the Women's Fellowship.

Camp Thunderbird in New Mexico had some permanent facilities ready for this season, with other developments yet to be carried out.

Attendances were generally good, in spite of the fact that polio in the San Diego area kept many away.

This year several independent community churches participated in the Pilgrim Pines program, providing a director and faculty and bringing a score or more of their young people.

BAY SHORE YOUNG ADULTS DONATE PEWS

The Mr. and Mrs. Club of our Bay Shore Church, Long Beach, made and donated twenty-five pew benches for the assembly room at Pilgrim Pines Camp. After a million-dollar lumber yard fire destroyed them the men set to work and made twenty-five more, a labor of love. They merit the thanks of all who will go to Pilgrim Pines.

NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTORS

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hills became Ministers of Christian Education in our Hollywood Church on Sept. 1. Lloyd Henry Gysin became Youth Director at our Glendale Church Sept. 1 and will give special emphasis to the Youth Department and boys' Work.

GENERAL COUNCIL MODERATOR COMING



Miss Helen Kenyon

Miss Helen Kenyon, elected Moderator of the General Council at Oberlin in June, the first woman to serve in this position, will be a guest speaker at the fall association meetings. She will interpret the Postwar Emergency Program.

With a rare sense of humor, a deep Christian commitment, a broad sense of the denominational and ecumenical task, and a vigorous spirit to match the urgency of our day, she will have a message which everyone should hear.

She has been in our conference area many times but we congratulate her on her new honor and look forward to her coming in October.

COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP

The Oberlin General Council made "Stewardship" the primary emphasis of the denomination for the next biennium. The Commission on Stewardship is to be composed of active members from the West Coast and will center in our conference office.

It will seek, through literature and regional meetings throughout our country, to further interest in stewardship, not as a financial technique, but as one's personal Christian commitment.

Ministers will be asked to center the church program during October around the theme of Christian Stewardship. Suggestions will be forthcoming from the Commission. Cooperate in your local church emphasis.

Active members of the commission are: Wm. C. Jones, Chairman; Baylor Brooks, Mrs. Bryan N. Brown, Nelson C. Dreier, Harland E. Hogue, Clinton E. Ostrander, Seattle, Jesse F. Perrin, Hugh Vernon White, Berkeley.

FALL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Dates for the six fall association meetings from Oct. 10 to 20 are:

Oct. 10, San Diego Association, at Mission Hills Church, San Diego.

Oct. 11, San Bernardino Association, at Perris.

Oct. 12, Los Angeles Association, at First Church, Los Angeles.

Oct. 14, Kern Association, at Paso Robles.

Oct. 17-18, Arizona Association, at Prescott.

Oct. 19-20, New Mexico-El Paso Association, at Santa Rita, N. M.

Miss Helen Kenyon, Moderator of the General Council, will be available as a speaker for all of these meetings.

Not only duly elected delegates from local churches, but the rank and file of our people as well, need the information and inspiration of these meetings.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE OBERLIN GENERAL COUNCIL — A SYMPOSIUM

THREE EMPHASES

I. Our Merger.

The almost unanimous adoption of "The Basis of Union" with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, after midnight caucuses, curb-stone discussions, and friendly debate, will mark Oberlin as one of the great General Council meetings of Congregational history. As we gradually came to a meeting of minds, through the democratic process, we were all conscious that the spirit of God was at work in our midst.

II. Our Moderator.

Dr. Palmer's "moderating" left nothing to be desired. His patience, tact, firmness, sense of humor, and contagious Christian spirit brought us safely through many critical moments. Our Southern California delegates were grateful that, geographically, he belonged to us. And I must confess to being a little proud in the remembrance that I had the honor of nominating him for this high office at the Grinnell Council. The election of Miss Helen Kenyon, as the first woman moderator of the General Council, insures a continuance of consecrated leadership in this high office.

III. Our Mission.

Next to the merger, our main business was planning "Our Christian World Mission" for 1949 and 1950. All of us came to feel, with a new sense of urgency, that building the church is the main item on the agenda of today's business. It was clearly demonstrated that we Congregationalists must be far more generous in our giving if we are to do the work at home and abroad which God has assigned to our fellowship. We

came home determined to help deepen the spiritual life of the people in our local churches so that "Our Christian World Mission" can be accomplished.

— REV. STUART LEROY ANDERSON,
Long Beach First.

SENSITIVITY OF SPIRIT

My abiding impression of the General Council at Oberlin in 1948 will be its demonstration of the sensitivity of the Congregational conscience which in this Council resulted in the solution of the issue of the merger.

The sharp points of controversy were clearly discerned as the Council convened. The deal of ecumenicity has been a continuing conviction in our tradition. Union with the Evangelical and Reformed fellowship brought thorny practical problems.

The Council had militant and seemingly irreconcilable groups. These were those of the majority favoring the merger. Some would push it through ruthlessly if a mere fifty-one per cent would be mustered. Others hesitated, grieving that a two-thirds majority in favor of the implementing of the merger could not in good conscience overwhelm a sincere minority by mere arithmetic.

Some of the sincere minority could not be convinced. The larger part of this minority yearned for an opportunity to agree but were sincerely disturbed by questions of polity. Their unhappiness in dissent was too evident to allow the majority any sense of triumph.

And then the discussions began, lasting well into the early morning hours. General sessions had tension lessened as all bowed heads together asking for wisdom and forbearance

and charity. Gradually the points of difference were reconciled, the disagreements and misunderstandings cleared. A common basis of understanding and united action was found. May Congregationalists always reflect the sensitivity of spirit of the Oberlin Council of 1948!

— WM. C. JONES, *Pres.*, Whittier College and Conference Moderator.
(Note: Further "impressions" will be found in next month's issue.)



Pres. Wm. C. Jones of Whittier College (left), elected moderator of the Congregational Conference in May, is being congratulated by the Rev. Chas. Franklin Parker, Prescott, Ariz., the retiring moderator.

LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FALL RETREAT

The annual fall retreat of the Laymen's Fellowship will be held at Pilgrim Pines Sept. 18 and 19.

Wilbur Tunison, president, Carlson-Hall Co., and president of the Laymen's League (disciples), will be a headline speaker. Supt. Nelson C. Dreier will report on his summer in

Europe. The annual election of officers will be held. The cost will be \$2.50 and laymen are urged to send one dollar with their registration to the Conference office at once.

The Second Annual Fall Retreat of the Arizona Laymen's Fellowship will be held at Camp Whetstone, Prescott, Sept. 25 and 26, with fine speakers, discussions, and election of officers.

TRUCK FOR MEXICAN MISSIONARIES

The "Jeep for Mexico" fund initiated a year and a half ago at the Institute of Churchmanship, which sum reached \$1,740.00, has purchased a Studebaker truck for our missionaries in Mazatlan. They felt a truck would be more valuable than a station wagon. This money will cover cost and allow some for gas and maintenance. It will greatly facilitate the work of the mission and the thanks of our missionaries in Mexico are extended to our laymen who, when they set themselves to do a task, do not stop until they achieve success.

PERSONALS

Born to Malcolm and Lois Hayes at Guadalajara, Mexico, on June 28, a daughter, Linda Sue, weight 7 lbs.

Born to the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Sill, Santa Barbara, on July 27, a son, David Judson.

David Wirt, 14, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Wiliston Wirt, Chula Vista, died of poliomyelitis on July 7.

Funeral services for the Rev. Owen Umstead, minister of the Redondo Beach Congregational Church 1917-43, was held there on July 13.

Rev. Francis O. Wyatt, 74, minister of the Eagle Rock Congregational Church from 1926-31, passed away at Hermosa Beach June 17. He had had pastorates in Iowa, Illinois, Washington, Idaho and California.



The Women's Fellowship

ECHOES FROM OBERLIN

I wish that I might tell you about all of the women's meetings at Oberlin, but a few glimpses are all that space will allow.

There was Miss Katherine Lenrott, Chief of the United States Children's Bureau, pointing out our responsibility to the children of our communities; Miss Alice Cary, missionary from Japan, who told us that the women of other countries are looking to us for leadership, spiritual help and for fellowship; Mrs. Charles A. Johnson, of Fisk University, leading in the meditations lifted us to a high level of worship.

The Women's Gift

The really outstanding feature and the one you are especially interested in was the presentation of the Women's Gift. Mrs. Welthy Hon-singer Fisher, Chairman of the World Day of Prayer Committee (United Council of Church Women) gave the address of the evening, "A Christian Woman and Her World." Mrs. Fisher, a brilliant speaker, charmed her audience with personal experiences from her recent visits in the Orient. Her challenge to us centered in a quotation from Schopenhauer, "Femininity is the quality which enables the individual to put himself in the background and the larger unit in the foreground." She showed how mothers do this, how Jesus did it, how all Christians work to this end in home, church, community and the world.

Mrs. Clarence Murdey, National President, gave the dedicatory message and prayer. As the roll of the states was called the presidents took their places around the chapel. Light taken from the altar candles was passed from one to the other until the circle of light was completed, symbolizing the world outreach of the gift. Dr. Douglas Horton led in the dedicatory prayer.

Increased Gift

The gift for this biennium totalled \$144,000 plus. You will remember two years ago at Grinnell it was \$107,000, so this is a very substantial increase.

In First Place

You will be thrilled, as I was to know that our Women's Fellowship stands in first place with the largest gift. I know that each one of you will be very proud of this achievement. It has been accomplished not through large gifts from a few, but through the united efforts of many women in the regular giving of small gifts. It indicates a developing sense of stewardship which will strengthen the growth of our organization.

For the New Year

As we plan for a new year let us search our hearts that we may find there a way to give more of ourselves in Christian service to a needy and troubled world.

—MR. THOMAS G. WIGHT,
President.

RECENT MINISTERIAL CHANGES IN OUR CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Apra, Daniel, former Baptist minister, to Lemon Grove as minister August 1.

Avila, Carlos A., from Chino Mexican, to South Broadway Spanish, Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 1.

Bailey, Floyd S., from Woodland Hills to Hemet September 1.

Beck, Mary Alice, Minister to Youth, Tucson, resigned August 15 to become Secretary, Student Volunteer Movement, New York.

Bedrosian, Kapriel, Minister, Armenian Gethsemane, Los Angeles, since 1936, to Bethany, Oakland, August 15.

Blough, John H., from Associate, Pomona Pilgrim, to Minister, Tabor, Iowa, June 6.

Brady, Joseph DeWitt, for more than a year assistant to the moderator of the Lancastershire Congregational Association, England, will become Minister of Youth, First Church, Los Angeles, October 15.

Cleland, Robert, minister at Wasco since 1944, resigned Sept. 1 to enter medical School at Kansas City.

Crist, Bertrand R., Providence, R. I., called to San Marino Sept. 1.

Fukushima, Joseph, on leave to Ogden, Utah, returned to his church in Montebello, Cal., August 1.

Harper, Wm. S., resigned at Shafter Sept. 1 after five years to retire at Lakeside, Cal.

Hernandez, Sebastian L., minister at South Broadway Spanish, Albuquerque, N. M., since 1939, retired in June and passed away in July.

Hills, Mr. and Mrs. James C., married in July, will be Ministers of Christian Education, Hollywood, Sept. 1.

Kono, Jahei C., (Methodist) to Japanese Union Church, Riverside, July 1.

Larson, Roger, has accepted a call to Alpine, to begin September 1.

Lee, Peter A., Minister, San Diego Chinese Church, has resigned.

Line, Fred A., Minister at Alpine, to First Universalist, Junction City, Kansas, September 1.

Martin, David R., Maricopa, resignation to take effect September 30.

Melidonian, Norair, Associate, Armenian Gethsemane, Los Angeles, became the Minister in June.

Mundell, Charles, Berean, Los Angeles, to Lawndale Community October 15.

Ohmura, M., from Riverside Japanese to Santa Barbara Japanese July 1.

Peterson, J. Martin, Lawndale, resigned in May to become caretaker at Pilgrim Pines Camp.

Pratt, Robert Murray, Minister at Avalon for two years, to Long Beach Unitarian Church September 12.

Rhoades, J. Irving, Disciples minister, to Bay Shore Church, Long Beach, as Minister of Christian Education, July 15.

Stoeve, Olaf A., Minister, National City, added San Ysidro as yoked parish in February.

Valencia, J. J., Minister, Barstow Mexican since 1930, retired June 1 and will live in El Paso, Texas.

Waddell, Ralph C., Minister, Lemon Grove, since 1945, to Associate, Redlands First, August 1.

Weinert, Lawrence J., Minister, San Bernardino, since 1943, to La Canada Community Church, Sept. 1.

Williams, Leland L., Minister at Hemet, to principalship of schools at Oro Grande, September 1.

Wise, Francis H., Minister of Parish Activities, First Church, Los Angeles, to Pomona Pilgrim as Associate, September 1.

THE GIVING OF THE CHURCHES DURING JANUARY 10, 1948

	A. War Victims and Reconstruction		B. BENEVOLENCES
Church		Goal	Received
Albuquerque First	\$ 729.91	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00
Albuquerque So. Broadway.....		70.00	35.00
Alessandro Valley	8.00	72.00	36.00
Alpine	48.50	200.00	200.00
Altadena Community	165.00	720.00	520.00
Arvin	83.50	500.00	350.00
Atascadero		400.00	200.00
Avalon	6.66	300.00	150.00
Bakersfield Chinese		35.00	35.00
Bakersfield First	152.10	1,100.00	366.64
Barstow First	153.26	800.00	350.00
Barstow Mexican	5.00	75.00	37.50
Bloomington		100.00	75.13
Brea	132.00	550.00	222.50
Buena Park	61.85	586.00	349.54
Burbank		300.00	50.00
Calimesa		25.00	25.00
Calipatria	10.00	500.00	.....
Chino Mexican	17.65	50.00	25.00
Chula Vista	180.00	1,200.00	405.96
Claremont	3,817.36	7,000.00	5,431.00
Corona Del Mar.....	132.00	180.00	135.00
Corona First	25.00	666.00	350.00
El Paso Pil. Fed.....		72.00	6.00
El Paso Trinity.....		18.00	9.00
El Paso Valley Com.....		300.00	175.00
Escondido First	392.45	800.00	475.00
Etiwanda		150.00	100.00
Gallup El Salvador.....		60.00	.....
Gallup First		75.00	37.50
Glen Avon	20.00	50.00	30.59
Glendale First	567.36	2,750.00	1,474.96
Grants Spanish		10.00	5.00
Hemet	25.00	150.00	50.00
Highland	10.00	600.00	350.00
Humboldt		25.00	25.00
Hurley	21.00	200.00	120.00
La Canada		577.00	276.14
Laguna Beach	312.50	225.00	396.55
La Jolla	312.50	225.00	396.55
La Mesa Central .....		.....	350.00
Las Vegas	30.29	120.00	90.00
Lawndale		60.00	30.00
Lemon Grove	179.23	725.00	377.78
Long Beach Bay Shore	7.00	416.00	300.00
Long Beach First	340.44	5,000.00	3,333.28
Los Alamitos	26.08	72.00	72.00
Los Angeles, Arm. Geth. ....	.....	100.00	100.00
Los Angeles, Berean	8.00	300.00	183.50
Los Angeles, Bethany Rawson ..	3.00	75.00	43.75
Los Angeles, Chinese .....	.....	240.00	120.00
Los Angeles Christian Fellowship..	.....	250.00	145.84
Los Angeles, Colonial	97.52	300.00	213.11
Los Angeles, Eagle Rock, United	12.70	570.00	348.05
Los Angeles, Finnish .....	.....	36.00	26.00
Los Angeles, First	2,867.56	17,000.00	10,000.00
Los Angeles, Garvanza	105.02	300.00	175.00
Los Angeles, Hollywood	45.66	2,500.00	1,458.31
Los Angeles, Hyde Park		200.00	.....
Los Angeles, Imm. Arm. ....	.....	100.00	.....
Los Angeles, Imm. of Graham...	10.50	80.00	80.00
Los Angeles, Japanese Union	200.00	60.00	30.00
Los Angeles, Lincoln Memorial ..		600.00	300.00
Los Angeles, Masis	50.00	100.00	100.00
Los Angeles, Messiah	95.00	900.00	699.51
Los Angeles, Mt. Hollywood	172.00	1,600.00	966.00
Los Angeles, North Hollywood ..	75.32	150.00	87.50
Los Angeles, Park	75.00	150.00	100.00
Los Angeles, Pilgrim	144.00	535.00	178.32
Los Angeles, Plymouth	68.33	1,600.00	1,284.32
Los Angeles, Providence		30.00	.....

TO THE POSTWAR EMERGENCY PROGRAM

AUGUST 18, 1948

Church	A. War Victims and Reconstruction	B. BENEVOLENCES	Received
		Goal	
Los Angeles, Schaeffe Memorial ..	.....	125.00	72.94
Los Angeles, West End	40.00	117.00	90.00
Los Angeles, Western Knoll	10.00	1,500.00	875.00
Los Angeles, Westwood Hills .....	.....	1,200.00	30.00
Los Angeles, Woodland Hills .....	.....	100.00	30.00
Manhattan Beach	180.85	700.00	525.00
Maricopa .....	.....	180.00	75.00
Mentone	13.25	50.00	80.00
Mojave .....	.....	371.00	108.50
National City	25.00	400.00	313.46
Nogales Trinity	50.00	150.00	150.00
Norwalk Bethany	100.00	250.00	83.32
Oildale	50.00	150.00	45.00
Ontario	13.34	2,165.00	721.64
Pacoima .....	.....	200.00	.....
Panama	56.12	150.00	50.00
Pasadena Arm. Cilicia	105.00	50.00	50.00
Pasadena First	3,136.07	5,665.00	3,220.92
Pasadena Lake Ave.	100.00	1,159.00	700.00
Pasadena Neighborhood	400.00	300.00	400.00
Pasadena Pilgrim	554.61	75.00	56.25
Paso Robles	1.32	302.00	302.00
Perris .....	.....	300.00	175.00
Phoenix Encanto	99.05	300.00	224.12
Phoenix First	45.00	1,102.00	400.00
Phoenix Neighborhood .....	.....	400.00	300.00
Phoenix Union	23.20	82.00	.....
Pomona Pilgrim	49.92	3,500.00	1,500.00
Pomona Valley Mexican	8.00	72.00	42.00
Prescott	135.50	701.00	451.00
Ramona	33.85	150.00	87.50
Redlands	491.80	3,200.00	600.00
Rialto .....	.....	135.00	67.50
Riverside	123.25	1,800.00	457.60
Riverside Japanese .....	.....	25.00	.....
San Bernardino	1,201.85	2,000.00	1,166.69
San Diego, Chinese .....	.....	25.00	25.00
San Diego, First	289.18	1,000.00	514.64
San Diego, Japanese .....	.....	50.00	25.00
San Diego, Kensington .....	.....	350.00	116.68
San Diego, La Mesa Heights .....	.....	60.00	.....
San Diego, Logan Heights	1.66	60.00	30.00
San Diego, Mission Hills	328.98	2,400.00	1,600.00
San Diego, Paradise Hills .....	.....	200.00	88.00
San Diego, Plymouth .....	.....	180.00	118.55
San Dimas .....	.....	520.00	205.00
San Mateo .....	.....	10.00	.....
Santa Ana First	416.91	1,450.00	845.81
Santa Barbara	251.78	1,175.00	600.00
Santa Barbara Japanese .....	.....	.....	.....
Santa Maria Japanese .....	.....	30.00	.....
Santa Rita	15.00	300.00	150.00
San Ysidro .....	.....	24.00	24.00
Saticoy	68.34	500.00	333.28
Seeley Union .....	.....	30.00	5.00
Shafter Union .....	.....	300.00	300.00
Sierra Madre .....	.....	1,000.00	190.24
So. Pasadena Oneonta	1,880.69	4,250.00	1,568.00
Tehachapi	5.00	120.00	40.00
Tempe First	10.00	600.00	350.00
Tombstone .....	.....	154.00	154.00
Tucson	366.64	800.00	466.62
Ventura	96.81	600.00	664.83
Vista	48.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Wasco	213.47	300.00	150.00
Whittier	1,148.14	1,500.00	1,030.00
Willowbrook	11.99	150.00	87.50
Miscellaneous	2,377.08		9,465.29

TOTALS	\$26,265.40	\$104,824.00	\$68,890.16
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News of the Churches

NEW MEXICO-EL PASO ASSOCIATION Albuquerque, First

Curtis P. Schumacher, Church Financial Adviser for the Church Building Society of the Board of Home Missions, spent a week with the church in June directing a financial canvass. The results of the canvass assure the building of a second unit of the new church plan. The Rev. Clarence E. Parr, minister.

Albuquerque, South Broadway

The Rev. Carlos A. Avila, formerly of Chino, California, began his pastorate on July 1. The retiring minister, the Rev. Sebastian L. Hernandez, passed away in July. He had been pastor of the church for nine years and had served as a minister for over fifty years within the New Mexico-El Paso Association.

El Paso, Pilgrim

The Rev. C. G. Manker received thirty-one new members into the church on Easter Sunday.

El Paso, Valley Community

The Rev. Winthrop M. Mager had the assistance of a student summer service worker, Richard Oswald, of Pasadena, for vacation school work with the young people.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION Barstow, Mexican

The Rev. J. J. Valencia, minister of the church since 1945, resigned June 1 to live in El Paso, Texas.

Chino, Mexican

The people participated in a community vacation school. The Rev.

Carlos A. Avila gave the baccalaureate address at the Chino High School commencement. He resigned July 1 to accept a pastorate in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Siwanda

The Rev. Loyal L. Wirt, pastor, is giving an aggressive leadership to the church program. The church has been redecorated at a cost of \$250. In June ten new members were received into the church membership, eight on confession of faith, one infant and three adults were baptized . . . The bulletin board in the illustration above was constructed and lettered by the minister who celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday. A new altar table was a gift of the minister also.

Hemet, Pilgrim

The Rev. Floyd S. Bailey, formerly pastor of Woodland Hills Community Church, Los Angeles, began his ministry in Hemet on September 1.

Ontario, Pethel

On July 1 the Rev. Donald W. Head, minister, completed his first

year's pastorate. Many phases of a forward-looking program have been carried on under his leadership.

Perris, First

An "Achievement Banquet" was held on April 5 to celebrate the completion of Pilgrim Hall which has occupied the plans of the church for a number of months. Supt. Nelson C. Dreier gave the address following the dinner. The Rev. Carl E. Magnuson and church are to be congratulated on this provision for social and educational activities.

Redlands, First

The Rev. William D. Pratt, minister, spent six weeks in Europe with a study mission of our Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction and also attended some sessions of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam . . . Work on the remodeling of the educational and activities wing of the present church edifice was expected to be completed in September, at an estimated cost of \$50,000. The building committee also authorized the purchase of a pipe organ for the chapel at a cost of \$4,000 . . . The Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, formerly of Lemon Grove, became Associate Minister of the church on August 1.

Riverside, First

In May the Rev. Paul W. Yinger, minister, announced that the Rev. James Lee Read would be available for pastoral consultation and general parish assistance three days of each week.

Riverside, Japanese

The Rev. Masayoshi Ohmura, pastor of the church for the past ten years, resigned July 1 to become the minister of the Santa Barbara Japanese Church. His successor is the Rev. Jahei C. Kono, who comes from the Methodist fellowship.

San Bernardino, First

The Rev. Lawrence J. Weinert, who came to the church in 1943, resigned September 1 to become pastor of the La Canada Community Church. During these five years the church has increased in financial and numerical strength and in its ministry to the community as well as through the benevolence channel of the denomination.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION

Alpine Community

The Rev. Fred A. Line, minister of the church for the past two years, on September 1 returned for the third time to become minister of the First Universalist Church, Junction City, Kansas. The Rev. Roger Larson became minister of the Alpine Church on September 12.

Escondido

Assoc. Supt. Glenn A. Rowles was the guest preacher on Sunday morning, May 23 . . . Last spring a splendid new heating system was installed in both the church and Plymouth Hall. The Rev. Alfred H. Ackley, minister.

Chula Vista

The church hopes to have a share in underwriting the support of Miss Ruby May Peters, a member of the church, who has taken a missionary assignment to Syria this coming year . . . The sympathy of our entire fellowship is extended to the Rev. and Mrs. Williston Wirt on the death of their son David by poliomyelitis this summer. He was ill but a brief period and passed away in Berkeley while the family was on its vacation.

Lemon Grove, Community

The Rev. Daniel L. Apra, former Baptist minister and chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Church San Diego, became minister of the

church on August 1. We welcome him and his family into our fellowship . . . On August 15 a ground-breaking ceremony was held preliminary to the construction of a new educational unit.

Ramona

The Rev. Lambreth E. Hancock and wife were hosts to the San Diego Association ministers and wives at a turkey dinner on May 3. The Rev. E. M. Shavers reviewed "The Problem of Evil," by Nels Ferre, followed by a discussion on the theme of atonement.

San Diego, First

During recent months a survey has been made of the church, its program and constituency so that certain objectives may be clarified and support guaranteed. There seems a clearer indication that a forward-looking program will be adopted. The Rev. W. H. Stark, minister.

San Diego, First Japanese

The Rev. K. Kikuchi and people participated on June 20 in a special dedication service on the new property where their future church is to be built. Held at 11:00 a. m., this took the place of the regular morning church service.

San Diego, Kensington Community

An initial gift of \$125.00 by the Ladies' Guild to the Church Building Committee in May initiated the project to secure \$7,500.00 for new church pews. We wish the Rev. Lester E. Bond and church success in the undertaking.

San Diego, Mission Hills

The church was host to the laymen of the San Diego Association on Friday, May 14, with Dr. Truman Douglass of New York as the speaker. The Rev. John C. Wiley, minister.

San Diego, Paradise Hills

The proceeds of the first community dinner on May 21, "Neighborhood Night" went to the building fund. The Rev. Ray Anger and people have worked arduously for this new unit.

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION

Chino Valley Community

The charter membership for this newest church in the Arizona Association was closed on Palm Sunday with thirty-seven members, and the church was accepted into the association at its spring meeting on April 19. The church has acquired two acres of property on which to build and preliminary plans have been made. Services are held on the first and third Sundays of the month at three o'clock. The Rev. Charles Franklin Parker serves this church as a part of the Yavapai Cooperative Parish.

Humboldt

The church observed its first anniversary in April. The building has been used also by community organizations. The sanctuary was painted during June. It is proposed to provide a kitchenette and library facilities as a beginning of a real community library. The Rev. Charles Franklin Parker, minister.

Phoenix, Encanto

Edward Marsh of Oberlin Seminary spent several weeks in student summer service work for the church . . . The Rev. Waldo S. Richards was a delegate to the General Council in Oberlin.

Phoenix, First

This past summer improvements were completed on Plymouth House at a cost of \$1,000, thus providing an additional ten rooms for church school, church office and other purposes. Plans are being made also for the remodeling of the parish house

... The Rev. Frederick A. Barnhill was a delegate to the General Council.

Phoenix, Neighborhood

The Rev. Charles E. Tate supervised the construction of extensive improvements at Pilgrim Playground and was manager of the summer camps.

Phoenix, Union

The Rev. James C. Perkins received ten new members into the church on Easter Sunday.

Prescott

The facilities at Camp Whetstine, which is owned by the church, are in constant use from May to October. Mr. James Whetstine, for whom the camp is named and a prominent leader in the church, passed away in July. The Rev. Charles Franklin Parker, minister.

Tombstone

Fine reports are received from the church since the Rev. George R. Bennett became its minister. Two hundred thirty-five attended the two morning services on Easter. One hundred attended the sunrise service and over a hundred attended the evening service. The Junior Pilgrim Choir, organized by Mrs. Bennett, sang for the first time at the morning services. Ten united with the church. For a church with only forty-nine members, of whom twenty-eight are resident members, this indicates a fine response on the part of the people to the leadership being afforded. Plans for the redecoration of the church have been made.

Tucson, First

The Rev. Richard A. Dawson and Mrs. Victor Kelly attended the sessions of the General Council at Oberlin in June.

KERN ASSOCIATION

Maricopa

The Rev. David R. Martin, minister of the church for the past three years, will resign September 30.

Oildale

The Rev. Aylesworth B. Bell, minister, reports that seventeen received baptism on Easter Sunday, thirteen of them adults, and forty united with the church, making a total of seventy within the preceding year . . . The Christian flag and an American flag were dedicated in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dresser, long time members, and presented to the church by their daughters, Mrs. J. H. MacNaughton, Church School Superintendent, and Mrs. Mabel Oldham. The Fellowship Club has provided robes for the Youth Choir.

Paso Robles

A well attended Vacation Bible School was held this summer . . . The church will be host to the Kern Association on October 14. The Rev. Lester C. Pritchett, minister.

Shafter, Union

The Rev. William S. Harper, who has been minister of the church since 1943, resigned September 1. At a farewell reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. Harper a very substantial purse was presented to them in appreciation of their services. They will live in Lakeside, California.

Wasco, First

The Rev. Robert Cleland, minister for the past four years, resigned as of September 1 and will enter medical school in Kansas City, Mo., this fall.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

Atascadero Community

On Sunday afternoon, May 23, a reception was held at the church

honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Lowell A. Young on the tenth anniversary of their coming to the church.

Avalon

The Rev. Robert M. Pratt will tender his resignation as minister of the church on September 10. During the two years he has served the church, all phases of the work have been strengthened, the property has been greatly improved, and the influence of the church in the community has greatly broadened . . . On June 20 Mr. Pratt dedicated the Zane Grey Memorial Outdoor Wedding Chapel at the Zane Grey Manor, which was attended by the Wrigley and Zane Grey families, and performed the first wedding ceremony there . . . Mrs. Pratt organized the young ladies in the Chancel Guild. Mr. Pratt will become pastor of the Long Beach Unitarian Church Sept. 12.

Buena, Park

One hundred and eighty persons attended the dinner given by the Women's Fellowship of the church on April 14. The sixty-two new members received in 1947 and up to April 1948 were guests of honor. The Women's Fellowship has remodeled the church kitchen, bought stoves, sink and dishes, and provided a new typewriter and a new outdoor bulletin board . . . The Rev. Paul C. Neerman is the minister.

La Canada Community

The Rev. Lawrence J. Weinert, formerly minister of the San Bernardino Church, began his pastorate on September 1.

Laguna Beach

The new manse was occupied this summer by the Rev. and Mrs. Philip Gregory. A number of generous gifts of equipment and furnishings added much to the new home . . . The church again had the food concession

at the "Festival of Arts," July 14-25, and turned the profits toward the payment on the new manse.

Lawndale Community

The Rev. J. Martin Peterson who has served the church for the past three years and who resigned in May to become the caretaker at Pilgrim Pines Camp will have the Rev. Charles Mundell of Berean Church, Los Angeles, as his successor on October 15.

Long Beach, Bay Shore

The Rev. Milton G. Gabrielson completed his twelfth year as pastor of the church last March. Over 500 new members have been received into the church during his pastorate. The church has been cleared of debt and a far-reaching ministry in the community has been established. On May 16 the classrooms in the new second story unit were occupied for the first time by church school departments . . . The Rev. Elmer J. Windisch resigned as Associate Minister in June. The Rev. J. Irving Rhoades became Minister of Christian Education on July 15.

Long Beach, First

The close of a five-year ministry for the Rev. Stuart L. Anderson was recognized at a reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. Anderson on June 6. Many gifts marked the occasion, an auspicious beginning for the years ahead.

L. A., Armenian Gethsemane

A reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Kapriel Bedrosian was held at the church on August 6 and was attended, not only by many church people, but by fellow ministers and Conference representatives. After a twelve year pastorate, Mr. and Mrs. Bedrosian went to the Bethany Armenian Church in Oakland August 15. Many testimonials of his rich ministry

were evident in the church, constructed during his ministry, and in the lives of his people. The Rev. No-rair Melidonian, former associate minister, is now the minister.

L. A., Chinese

On June 27 the church celebrated its sixtieth anniversary. Following the service a reception was held, participated in by Mrs. E. M. Findlay, "Mother" of the church, and members and friends of the church. Rev. Ivan Y. Wong, minister.

L. A., Church of Christian Fellowship

The first annual "Men's Day" on June 20 was a great success. Robert Z. Hardon was chairman of the occasion, and Lesley Pinckney Hill was the guest speaker. A large audience was present. A sum of \$560.00 was raised.

L. A., Colonial

The Rev. Gordon J. Baker attended the Pastors' School at Sylvan Dale, Loveland, Colorado. During the month of July the Rev. Robert Reidel of Switzerland conducted a vacation school and served as minister in Mr. Baker's absence.

L. A., First

The church will be represented at the Amsterdam meeting of the World Council of Churches by the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. M. Fiske and by Miss Gladys Boggess who will serve as secretary to Charles P. Taft, President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America . . . The Rev. Melvin L. Gallagher became minister of music on August 1. He comes from the Country Club Christian Church, Kansas City, where he developed a music ministry from a quartette into a choir numbering 300 in three years . . . First Church has ten ministers and forty persons on its staff, with more than 5,000 available within-walls contacts

each week and with radio contacts estimated at 500,000 weekly. The average per annum accessions to membership for the past nine years is nearly 600. The Rev. James W. Field, Jr., minister.

L. A., Hollywood

The formal dedication of the new James Hamilton Lash Chapel was held at the morning service on August 15. Glenn A. Rowles of the Conference Office participated in the service. An open house for the community was held that afternoon. Work on the remodeling of the sanctuary of the present church plant is now going on. The Rev. James Hamilton Lash, minister.

L. A., Immanuel of Graham

Extensive use of the church is made by community organizations such as the Y. M. C. A., which sponsored a two months' basketball tournament, and the County Health Department, which conducts a baby welfare clinic each Friday and provides free tuberculin tests and x-rays. The pastor, the Rev. George F. Orloff, is assisted by Ralph Jeffs, student at Occidental College, who plans to enter the Congregational ministry . . . Eleven new members have united with the church since the first of the year. A young adult group called the "YACS," or Young Adults Christian Society, was recently organized under the leadership of Ralph and Martha Jeffs.

L. A., Masis Armenian

The Twelfth Annual Convention of the Christian Endeavor Union of California was held in the church on June 18-20. The Rev. P. S. Levonian, minister.

L. A., North Hollywood

Supt. Nelson C. Dreier preached at the morning service on May 23. The first anniversary of services held

in the new edifice was observed. Following the service, a ground-breaking ceremony was held for the second unit soon to be built. Besides Supt. Dreier and the Rev. Eugene L. Warner, minister, church officers participated in the service.

L. A., Plymouth

Dr. David D. Eitzen, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Counselling at USC, gave four addresses on the four Wednesday evenings in May . . . The sixtieth anniversary of the church was observed on June 13. The Rev. James H. More began his pastorate in 1929. The church has a membership of more than 600 and a church school enrollment of nearly 500. The sum of \$15,000 is on hand toward a goal of \$30,000 for the construction of an educational-recreational unit. Twenty denominations are represented in the church membership.

L. A., Western Knoll

Work on the proposed educational building is expected to start at once. Through contributions of material and labor, a \$15,000 project will be achieved at about half that amount.

The Rev. George W. Haskell, minister.

L. A., Westwood Hills

Curtis Schumacher, Church Financial Adviser for the Church Building Society, New York, conducted a building fund campaign in May. Up to July pledges totaled \$20,006.20, with one-fourth of it in cash. The Rev. S. Mark Hogue, minister.

L. A., Woodland Hills

The Rev. Floyd S. Bailey, minister of the church since its beginning a year and a half ago, resigned as of September 1. He has accepted the pastorate of the Hemet Church. During his ministry seventy-five members have united with the church,

and the Sunday school enrollment has exceeded one hundred.

Manhattan Beach Community

The Rev. James A. Peterson, minister, gave a series of lectures in July at San Anselmo Seminary at the invitation of the National Presbyterian Board.

Pasadena, First

The church set a goal of \$1,000 for food for the children in Ludwigs-hafen, Germany, Pasadena's adopted city . . . On May 30 at a Memorial Day service a plaque in commemoration of the men who died in the service of the country in World War II was dedicated. The Rev. Raymond A. Waser, minister.

Pasadena, Neighborhood

In June the church announced that its new educational unit building fund had reached the sum of \$51,599.72. Assurance was given by the contractor that the building would be ready for the opening of the church school in September. The Rev. Curtis Beach, minister.

San Dimas Community

The Rev. Francis C. Ellis states that a fine new altar was dedicated on Aug. 8 . . . A five-weeks' vacation school was held with the Methodist and Christian Churches.

Santa Barbara, First

On May 20 the Rev. George D. Jenkins, Conference Minister of Christian Education; spent the afternoon and evening with religious education leaders and young people . . . The church held a reception for the Rev. M. Ohmura, new minister of the Santa Barbara Japanese Church, and members and friends of his church, on August 6, as an expression of interest First Church has always shown for the Japanese Church. The Rev. C. Eugene Sill, minister.



If *Our Christian World Mission* must first start at home in our own lives, and in our own churches and communities, it does not and cannot stop there. "The field is the world." The gospel is inclusive, international, universal. The truth that sets men free cannot be contained within any borders less wide than the justice and mercy of God.

A short, two-letter command — "Go" — is at the very heart of Christianity! And Christians must not forget that this is so.

Following the Reformation which won spiritual freedom for us in defiance of the self-arrogated authority of a spiritual dictatorship, Protestantism found itself preoccupied with a struggle for self-preservation. But before long, Carey went to India, Judson to Burma, Morrison to China, Paton to the New Hebrides, Livingstone to Africa, and the gospel was set free for all mankind.

Our Foreign Policy

Have our Congregational Christian churches a consistent and realistic foreign policy? If so, what is it? Can it be stated in crystal-clear objectives and projects — without vague ambiguities and pious double-talk?

Specifically, *Our Christian World Mission* abroad is our concerted program:

1. For the building and strengthening of churches abroad as redemptive centers of liberation;
2. For the sending and support in larger numbers of new, young missionaries of spiritual excellence and gentle friendliness;

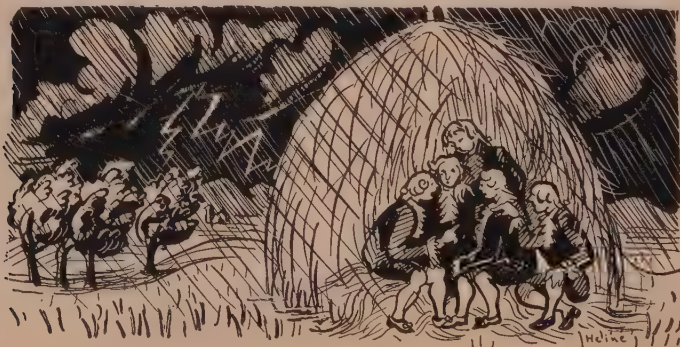
3. For the training and development of more national Christian leaders who will assume responsibility for the Christian enterprise in their lands;
4. For the establishment and support of Christian schools and colleges in today's "battle for the control of men's minds";
5. For the support and expansion of hospitals, medical services and clinics in our ministry of healing;
6. For the purchase and use of modern methods (radio, film-strips, movies) of telling the gospel story of liberty and justice and mercy;
7. For the maintenance and growth of our cooperative and union enterprises on the foreign field;
8. For the relief and rehabilitation of the homeless and hungry victims of war;
9. For security and "freedom from cares" for our missionaries and mission workers in their days of retirement.

In other words *Our Christian World Mission* abroad is a concerted Protestant program to challenge with all available resources every secular or religious faith, every life-view and ideology that threatens or puts in jeopardy the hard-won liberties of freedom-loving mankind. Mankind-in-chains has called for help. Our churches' foreign policy is the answer to that call with a gospel which reaches deeper, goes farther, and offers infinitely more than any other movement or faith in our world.

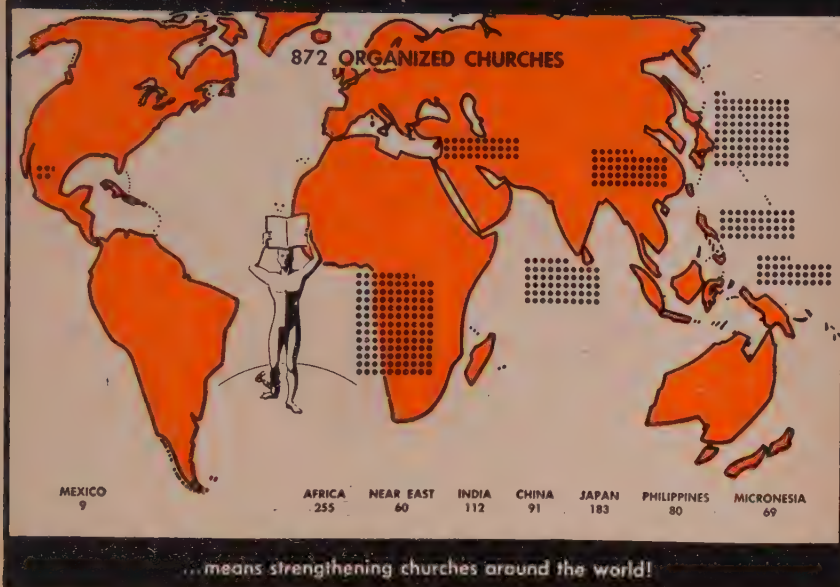
"We Can, If We Will"

We Congregational Christians, because of our almost unique habit of independence and our inherited concern for a free society, are impelled by our very character and tradition to find ways to strike off the chains of ignorance and superstition, to unloose energies held in bonds, and to make available the liberating gospel of Christ to eager hearts and hands.

This has been the historic foreign policy of our American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions — the first foreign missionary agency in



OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION ABROAD



America — since that famous haystack meeting at Williamstown, Massachusetts, in 1806 when the outlines of its policy first took shape.

Do you recall the story? It was an August afternoon in a maple grove near Williams College. A group of students, holding a Saturday afternoon prayer service, was driven by a thunderstorm to the shelter of a haystack. There, undaunted by the storm, Samuel J. Mills proposed that missionaries be sent to Asia. "We can do it, if we will," said Mills. They did it. We have been doing it. We must continue to do it — in all of our fifteen missions in India, Africa, China, the Middle East, Japan, Mexico, France, the Philippines and Micronesia.

BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING CHURCHES

"The cry of the multitudes for deliverance goes up. They know not where to turn, or whom to trust," states the *Madras Report*.

Therefore, *Our Christian World Mission* provides for the establishing and strengthening of Christian churches around the world: as redemptive centers of liberation; as homes of spiritual fellowship which draw people out of their aloneness into Christian solidarity; and as houses of worship offering an ancient altar and continuing opportunities for the expression of praise and penitence.

At their best and in their finest moments, our Protestant churches have generated and inspired a joyous sense of freedom from all involuntary



servitude, external or internal, and a sturdy independence of all earthly powers that tend to set limits to this freedom.

For example, during the war — in Japan, the Philippines, China, Norway, Germany, Korea and other totalitarian-occupied lands — they were primarily Christians, of unconsenting consciences and independent wills, who stood most resolutely against all self-arrogated authoritarianism, risking their lives in their defiant gallantry.

A person, spiritually free, who has broken the shackles of fear, frustration and sin, and experienced the "glorious liberty of the children of God," is truly a saved soul. And there is no institution on the face of the earth beside a Christian church so perfectly designed to produce that kind of resolute and sturdy character.

And so, the planting and strengthening of churches abroad is a "top priority" in *Our Christian World Mission*.

Today, there are 872 duly constituted churches in the fifteen missions of our Congregational Christian churches. Two hundred and fifty-four are self-supporting. Some day all will reach this same status of independence, with entire responsibility for the Christian enterprise in their areas. For such is our progressive goal.

Churches In Africa

When Henry C. McDowell went recently to Angola in Portuguese West Africa, he was asked to serve the Elende churches with their more than 7,000 communicant members, and to direct the coastal work where thousands of men from these inland churches, separated from their families, were working in plantations, factories and fisheries under the contract labor system.

After surveying the field, Dr. McDowell, helped by the African pastors, drew up a plan for the formation of a missionary society of the Umbundu church. The purpose was to place the financial and spiritual responsibility for this difficult coastal work squarely upon the churches of the interior. The plan has been accepted by all the African pastors and is being presented to the next Church Council for adoption.

Thus, many former missionary churches, standing as Christian friends-in-

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need to oppressed mankind-in-chains, are becoming strong, independent churches, with a deep sense of responsibility for the entire Christian movement in their own lands, and also throughout the entire world.

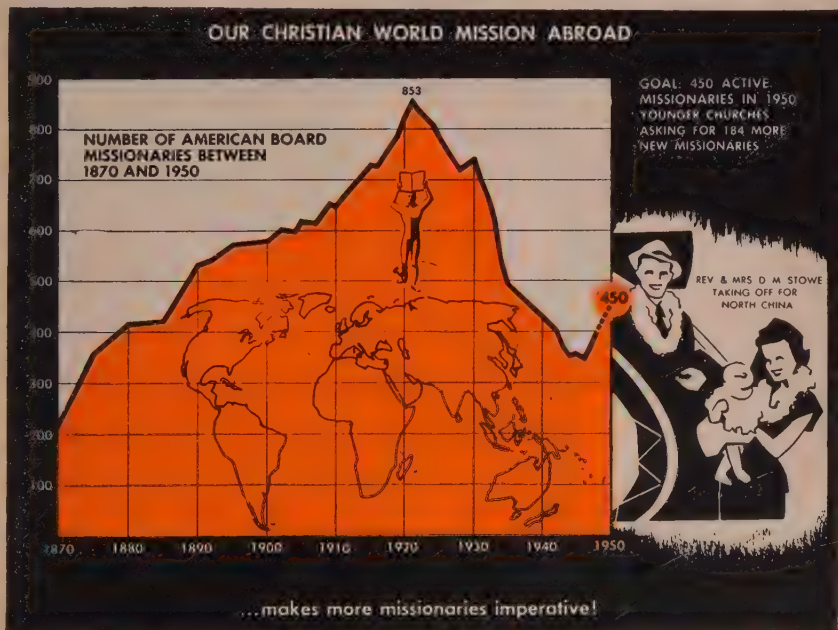
But meanwhile, those churches which are still struggling toward self-support and those hardest hit by the war must be aided and strengthened by our American churches. Many churches destroyed in the devastation of war have not been rebuilt. This must be done as soon as possible. And those who share generously in *Our Christian World Mission* become members of the army of liberation that is set to strike off the shackles from the bodies and souls of God's children and to build a more Christian society on earth.

MISSIONS ARE PEOPLE

Buildings — church structures — do not make a mission. Missions are people! "The story of Protestant missions is the influence of Christian personalities upon individuals and communities," states William Ernest Hocking of Harvard.

Missions are people of spiritual excellence and gentle friendliness who are sent by our churches at home to share the Christian gospel, and to release people from the oppressive forces that hold mankind in captivity.

They are people of Christian courage and high intelligence who will go, have gone, must go in the spirit of Christ to set people on their feet



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WHO WILL CARRY
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AND IN TURN WILL EDUCATE
AND TRAIN MORE OF THEIR
FELLOW COUNTRYMEN



...means training and supporting local leadership!

through the power of the gospel. And these people go — entering without violence the texture of other people's lives and transforming them from within — because they are the disciples of Christ, the emancipator.

The individual missionary's importance cannot be overestimated. He is the interpreter in his own life and thought of the entire Protestant movement. He is the representative of the world church. He must be prepared to discharge this grave responsibility.

More Missionaries Needed

Today, we Congregational Christians have 411 missionaries — ministers, doctors, nurses, teachers, agriculturists, social workers — in our fifteen missions abroad. If this seems to be a large number, please note: It is the same number of missionaries we Congregational Christians had on the foreign field in 1881! And although our missions overseas are calling for a minimum of 184 additional missionaries at once, our modest goal — allowing for losses by death, etc. — through *Our Christian World Mission* is a total of 450 on the field by 1950. It costs the small sum of approximately \$2500 to support a missionary on the field for one year.

Shall we, the wealthiest people on earth, provide the money to meet this goal? Or shall we forfeit the conflict to some secular or religious dictatorship without a struggle? An apathetic and improvident aloofness to the needs and opportunities presented in this critical moment would merit the censure of history and earn God's severest judgment.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Important as missionaries are in our missionary enterprise, its ultimate success depends upon national Christian leaders — keen and consecrated men and women of the area and race in which the mission operates. They are people with specialized training for specific lines of Christian service in the mission's work under direction of the local or national body.

This focus of *Our Christian World Mission* upon the training and developing of national Christian leadership means that the Christian movement shall no longer remain a foreign and imported product, but that the churches of the future shall be *in and of and by* every community in the world.

"The greatest task of the missionary has always been and continues to be the training of national leaders," declares Fred Field Goodsell, executive vice-president of our American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

"Acceptance of increased responsibility by national Christian leaders means that the church has struck root. Therefore," Dr. Goodsell concludes, "*Our Christian World Mission* provides for increased emphasis upon this task and a substantial increase in budgets which will provide greater facilities for the training and development of national Christian leaders."

Specifically, what does this mean and how does it work? Here's an il-

lustration from one of our missions in Africa. Years ago, the missionaries of our Elende mission thought that they saw potential leadership qualities in young Paulino Gonga, one of many eager, open-minded, alert youngsters in the neighborhood. Hours of personal counsel and Christian guidance preceded years of training in school and college.

Today, Paulino Gonga is one of five ordained African pastors of our Elende mission. A vigorous leader of the Umbundu church, whose steadfastness has been tested by many trials, Paulino Gonga has drunk deep of the well of independence.

Fellowship And Assistance

When the Umbundu church heard the cry for help from the more than 5,000 Ovimbundu workers in the mines of Johannesburg far to the south, Paulino Gonga was naturally selected to carry and to give Christian aid and practical guidance. Not only these workers in the Johannesburg mines, but the entire mass of Africa's 160,000,000 people crave such fellowship and assistance. For years they have suffered from the cupidity and the cruelty of western imperialism. Anxiety, repression, and frustrated ambition are written upon their hearts. Yet, what people have kept their courage, their self-respect and their faith in ultimate good as have the Africans?

And so, to these rootless Ovimbundu workers, toiling in the mines, where no one spoke their native Umbundu or even the official Portuguese dialect of their homeland, went Paulino Gonga, speaking not only Umbundu and Portuguese but beautiful English as well. There he stayed for the full time allowed a "foreigner," doing a notable work among his fellow countrymen, who, someday, will be outwardly free, and yet must first know that inner freedom which alone makes it possible to use freedom for constructive and creative ends.

Training For National Leadership

Today, our 411 American missionaries have 6,236 Christian nationals like Paulino Gonga as their co-workers. Prospective leaders must be discovered year by year. Scholarships must be provided to enable them to study in the best Christian schools of their country. Fellowships must also be provided to bring some of those who show special abilities to the United States for intensive training. A special ministry to foreign students studying here in the United States should also be developed. Our open purses will open many doors in Africa.

In these and other ways, *Our Christian World Mission* provides for the discovery and training of more Christian leaders like Lootfy Levonian of the Near East, Baskar Hivale of India, Ping-heng Wang of China, Proculo Rodriguez of the Philippines, Ariam Paramasamy of Ceylon, Chief Albert Luthuli of South Africa, and many other outstanding national leaders — forerunners of a host of men and women who will increasingly direct the life and affairs of their own churches.

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"If much is required of the missionary and of the church that sends him out, even more is demanded of the national leaders of the younger churches," states Luman J. Shafer in *The Christian Mission in Our Day*. You and I must give maximum support to these national leaders, and provide the means for the development of additional leadership.

THE BATTLE FOR MEN'S MINDS

"The battle being fought in Asia today is primarily for the control of men's minds," reports an executive of the foreign missionary enterprise returned recently from a survey of missions in that area. The same may be said of all lands in which our missions operate.

We Congregational Christians are engaged in this epic contest: to re-make men's minds. Freedom merely for freedom's sake may become an empty and even dangerous thing. Therefore, our 1,226 Congregational Christian schools and colleges abroad have dedicated themselves to the directing of personalities in the pursuit of a far higher objective. It is the achievement of a freedom that is rooted in responsibility, and which thereby enriches the whole community to which each individual's liberty is inextricably bound.

Our 1,226 schools and colleges serve all ages: fifty-eight are kindergartens; 1,072 are primary and elementary schools; fifty-seven are high

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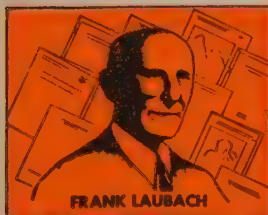
The Challenge...

ILLITERACY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Our Answer...

108,543 STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD



	MEXICO	AFRICA	NEAR EAST	INDIA & CEYLON	CHINA	PHILIPPINES	JAPAN	MICRONESIA
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS		2	1	4	3	1	2	
NORMAL & TRAINING SCHOOLS		8		7	3		1	1
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS		1		4	1			
COLLEGES			2	5	3		3	
SECONDARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	2	12	13	21	12	7	6	1
PRIMARY & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	2	773	28	255	14			1
KINDERGARTEN	1	8	24	10	9	6	3	

Education is indispensable to the maintenance and growth of freedom!

schools; twenty-three are training and industrial schools; eight are theological seminaries; and eight are colleges.

In addition to these institutions which we Congregational Christians support independently, we also have a substantial share in twenty-six union enterprises, including the well-known Yenching University in Peiping, Wilson College in Bombay, Silliman University in the Philippines, the Women's College in Madras, and the Christian Medical College in Vellore. Many other schools and colleges, founded by our Congregational Christian churches, have now reached maturity, independence and self-support, and are exercising great influence in the areas which they serve.

"Now I Am Free And Different"

Are these schools and colleges providing their 108,000 students with the kind of Christian education which our particular time demands? A Chinese student recently answered that question most precisely in saying to his missionary instructor:

"When I came to this school, my mind was superstitious, my disposition was not gentle, and I was of little use in the building of the good society. But now I am free and different." Of course he is! In pursuit of the truth forever being brought to light under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he now finds himself being liberated from the prejudices, frustrations and superstitions which formerly enslaved him, and free to take an active Christian role in the spiritual battle with all those pagan and secular forces which are locked today in contest for China's mind and soul.

Through generous support of *Our Christian World Mission*, these institutions of learning and our world-wide literacy program, under the direction of Frank C. Laubach, will grow into ever more powerful centers of creative Christian experience. For the program involves: (1) an advance in every educational institution that our churches maintain, including the building of the interdenominational Christian University in Japan; (2) an advance in religious education; (3) an advance against the strongholds of illiteracy in every quarter of the globe; (4) an advance in the production



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and distribution of Christian literature; and (5) an advance in the dissemination of Christian knowledge by the use of modern techniques of audio-visual communication.

Today, as the breath of freedom is drawn deeply by millions, new strength is gained by turning ever broader freedom into worthy and fruitful channels; while each center of learning is fertile ground for the sowing, growth and fruition of responsible persons for a free society, watered by the living streams of spiritual faith.

MINISTRY OF HEALING

Our Christian World Mission, based on the conviction that sound health is basic for the growth of a free people, proposes:

(1) To build up every Congregational Christian hospital abroad into an A-1 institution, fully equipped for a modern ministry of healing;

(2) To make every hospital a teacher-training center for local doctors and nurses in an attempt to develop greater national leadership;

(3) To provide as nearly as possible a complete medical program for every area through interdenominational cooperation and planning;

(4) To extend our ministry of healing into outlying areas through additional clinics, dispensaries and mobile health units.

Hygiene and holiness walk hand in hand. Therapy and theology have always belonged together. Across the years it has been the churches which have first cared for the sick and husbanded the skills of medical practice. And it was the churches which first introduced scientific medicine to Africa and the Orient, and they have been responsible in large part for its development in these lands.

Expansion Is Imperative

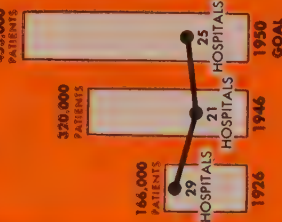
But our Christian ministry of healing must be expanded. There is only one doctor for every 320,000 Africans. There is one doctor for every 700 Americans. And this is in the same world! Even in the United States there are not enough physicians, psychiatrists, hospitals, clinics. But in the areas of our missionary enterprise, where the need is much more vast, we Congregational Christians are actually falling back behind the progress we had made in medical service up to twenty years ago.

Must we let this go on? Can we not make a fine fresh start through *Our Christian World Mission*? Medical science has advanced so far that nowhere is it necessary now for generations to be born into and to grow up in neglect. *Our Christian World Mission* provides for strong, free, wholesome bodies — for Christian characters and for liberated minds. All three go together — and within the limits of our facilities they are being achieved.

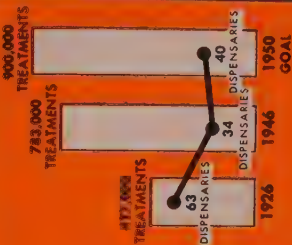
For example, a student arrived recently on a Christian university campus in West China, plunged into student activities, volunteered for leadership, and became the spokesman for the best interests and causes on the campus. Why? One day he sat on the edge of his bunk and told the reason:

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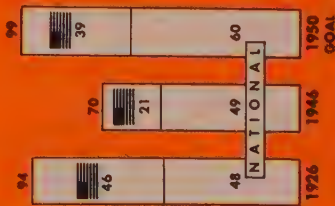
HOSPITALS AND PATIENTS



DISPENSARIES AND TREATMENTS



AMERICAN AND NATIONAL PHYSICIANS



AMERICAN AND NATIONAL NURSES



...provides for strong, free, healthy bodies!

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"I left occupied China three years ago. I was a kid only sixteen years old. I ran into the enemy and bandits. I was scared and lonesome. They took my money, my things, and they beat me black and blue. By the time I reached the border I was sick and wanted to die.

"I stumbled into a Christian hospital. A doctor noticed me, and he's the reason I want to become a Christian. He didn't say a word to me about Christianity. But he loved me — when he didn't even know me. He loved me in the coolness of his fingertips upon my forehead. He loved me in the medicine that brought my fever down, and in the good-humored words he said. You see, he was important to me, and I was important to him. He cared. That was the spirit of your God, and I shall feel honored and privileged the rest of my life to belong to him."

Is our ministry of healing important? Does it produce strong, free, wholesome bodies, Christian characters and liberated minds? If need and result are the yardstick of our Christian opportunity and responsibility, the obligation for medical service in the foreign mission field greatly exceeds in its proportion that which rests on us at home.

TIME FOR RETOOLING

Antiquated media and methods slow up the communication of the good news. *Our Christian World Mission* makes provision for twentieth century instruments of communication for our twentieth century mission enterprise. Inventive imagination is as necessary in modern missions as in modern engineering. And far more helpful in setting mankind free.

Increased educational opportunities and world-wide literacy campaigns have made the production of these improved media and methods one of the most urgent challenges to missions. Good Christian literature in greater supply must be prepared and made available to all. Modern audio-visual aids are now a necessity on the foreign field.

Of the 114 missionaries, representing 15 Protestant denominations, who leave this year for foreign service, three are radio technicians, 24 are evangelists, 3 are rural counselors, 51 are going to teach, 3 are business executives to manage mission affairs.



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Early in 1948 some of the Protestant denominations of America joined hands and sent a deputation team to investigate the possibilities of expanding the use of audio-visual materials and movies in missionary education. The church is going on the air in mission-occupied countries! This enterprise will be interdenominational.

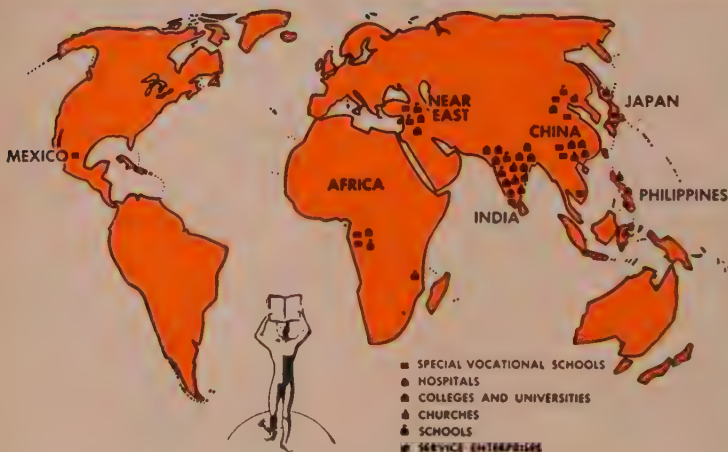
In addition to these new media, *Our Christian World Mission* provides for social service, rural and public health units as demonstration centers to make Christianity a more vital factor in millions of lives.

STRENGTH IN COOPERATION

Sects or solidarity? Rivalry or fellowship? *Our Christian World Mission* envisions further cooperation! On the mission field, our Congregational Christian missions have always believed in and practiced interdenominational cooperation.

Our united work includes eleven vocational schools, two union hospitals, sixteen union colleges and universities, four schools for children of Americans, two union service centers — plus a strong joint effort to assist foreign students now in the United States. Through *Our Christian World Mission*, we are committed to the solidarity of fellowship with the major Protestant denominations. Out of strategic cooperative enterprises, Protestant missions expect the united Christian community to be formed.

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...means strengthening our work through union enterprises!

There is no pampering, pauperizing or paternalism in our Congregational Christian Service Committee work. All is done to strengthen the self-reliance, self-determination, self-direction of people. The result is new courage, and new resourcefulness. You can help by giving.

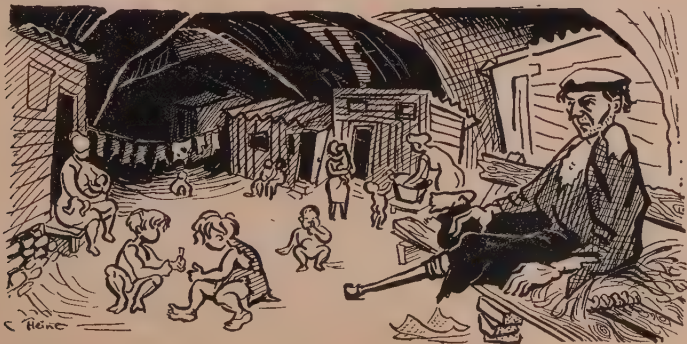


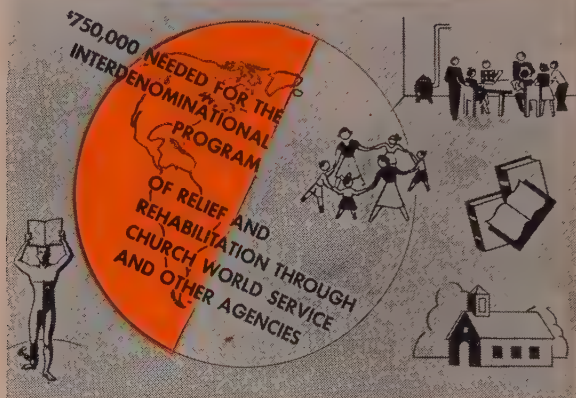
PROVIDING FOR THE UNPREDICTABLE

A good provider always reckons on the unpredictable. Set up in 1943 by our General Council, the Congregational Christian Service Committee was designed to operate mobile, short-term units for relief and rehabilitation. Its major work is done within structures of indigenous religious groups — in Austria, Germany, France, England, Greece, Italy and Czechoslovakia. Summer work camps, student work projects, self-help cooperatives give opportunity for the people themselves to help themselves.

Furthermore, the Service Committee works in close cooperation with Church World Service which channels and coordinates much of the relief and reconstruction work of twenty-two major Protestant and Orthodox churches of the United States.

A typical and dramatic illustration of our Service Committee's work is the Naples Cave Project in Italy, in which hundreds of people, utterly destitute and living in caves along the harbor of Naples, were rehabilitated, put back on their feet, and equipped with a new courage.





Church World Service coordinates much of relief and reconstruction work of twenty-two major denominations in the U. S. It works through national interdenominational committees. And it also ministers in some forty countries of both Europe and Asia. We believe it pays to work together.

The comprehensive program of our Service Committee and Church World Service includes the provision and distribution of clothing, goods and medicines; but even more important, it seeks to assist such undertakings as will stimulate and strengthen the spiritual forces of recovery, through help of various kinds to pastors and theological students, rehabilitation of church institutions and activities, youth work, evangelism and religious literature. They are also rendering special service to displaced persons by resettlement and also by spiritual ministries and social service in concentration centers. "There is much preaching in such friendliness."

DEVASTATION OF BODY AND SOUL

The cry for help of the man at the microphone is a haunting echo of the cry of untold millions. The belief that the victims of World War II would soon be able to take a leading part in reconstruction has not been realized.

Devastation of body and soul was too great. Most war-stricken areas have not recovered their inner freedom or their material strength.

"Can America help us to throw off our shackles?" asks a European leader in a recent letter to the *New York Times*. Government aid will not strengthen church life, supply new Christian leadership, build new sanctuaries. Church aid alone will do this.

Our original three-year Postwar Emergency Program ends in 1948. Relief and rehabilitation cannot end. The funds for these tasks, presently being raised by the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, will be sought through one unified budget and one denominational channel, under the auspices of the Missions Council.

And so, *Our Christian World Mission* provides for \$1,000,000 for relief and rehabilitation operations, for Christian world recovery and restoration in 1949. This sum will be allocated by the General Council's Executive Committee and administered by our own Service Committee, Church World Service, and other agencies which are expert in the task.

WHAT THE PROGRAM MEANS TO YOU



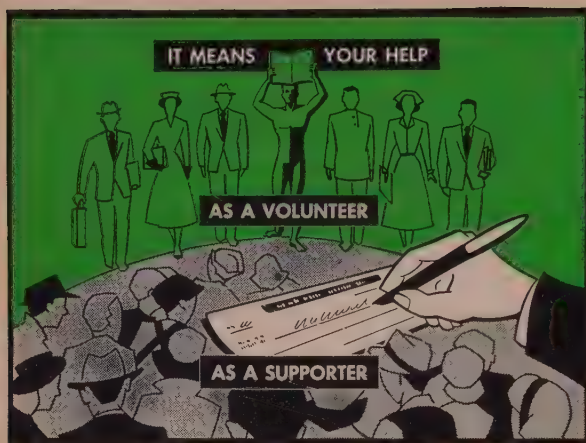
Our Christian World Mission, we repeat, is your opportunity and chance to do something hopeful and Christian, if you are sick and tired of the way things are going, and are fed up with half-way measures and dead-end solutions which get us nowhere.

And the success of *Our Christian World Mission* depends upon you — and upon each one of the more than a million Congregational Christians in the United States. Freedom is everybody's job.

"The Spirit Which Prizes Liberty"

On the highest of ancient Samaria's terraced hills, King Ahab had built a summer palace which was a delight to behold. A poor man, Naboth,





If our program is to succeed it will call for the help of volunteers and supporters. Both are essential. National leaders are asking for additional missionaries on the field. But financial support and backing are imperative. If the work is to be done it means your help.

owned a vineyard that Ahab coveted to complete his regal estate. And so, one day, the king confronted the owner with a demand for the vineyard.

But Ahab had counted too slightly upon Naboth's stoutness and independence. Poor though he was, Naboth prized his inheritance and stubbornly refused the tyrant in these memorable words: "The Lord forbid it me that I give up the inheritance of my fathers."

That is the spirit which keeps liberty alive. Founded on faith and hope, it pays the price in moral vigilance and wins new victories for freedom. What Naboth was to Ahab, we — each one of us — may and must be to every oppressive force and inward tyranny that enslaves and frustrates life.

VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

Our Christian World Mission means your help as a volunteer and as a supporter. Both are essential. Both are imperative.

If this program is to achieve its objectives, volunteers for service at home and abroad will be required. Wanted: layworkers and ministers, constrained by the love of freedom, to pit themselves in every corner of the earth against the suicidal trends and forces of our times!

For every person who calls, there must be a person to answer that call. Persons in need require persons who answer their need. This is precisely what *Our Christian World Mission* means: a great multitude of persons, giving and receiving, serving and being served, loving and being loved in the name of Christ, the emancipator.

If You Can't Give Your Life

But if you can't give your life and time, *Our Christian World Mission* invites your financial support and backing. One million and more Congrega-

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tional Christian church members can underwrite this program — with little sacrifice. Consider: God has set before us in our time a way of life and a way of death. The way of life is the truth of Jesus Christ which sets men free. The way of death is the way of our unregenerate world.

THE COST OF OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

The total estimated cost, in dollars and cents, of *Our Christian World Mission* for 1949 is \$6,280,126. This amount represents the objectives and needs, as submitted by our various administrative boards and agencies, and approved by the Survey Committee of the General Council.

Six million dollars and more to be raised in our churches in 1949! It sounds big until you stop and put it along side of what it has been estimated that we Congregational Christians spent on self-indulgence last year.

Each million Americans — we Congregational Christians total more than a million — spent \$161,300,000 on luxuries last year. One million of us spent \$6,250,000 to see the latest Hollywood dreams. Our recreation cost \$15,290,000. For tobacco one million of us spent \$17,280,000. How fantastic some things look in exact figures. Fun costs on both sides of the clicking turnstile.

Wordsworth was right. "Getting and spending we lay waste our pow-

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\$15-\$25 PROVIDES
CURRICULAR MATERIAL
FOR 6 STUDENT IN COLLEGE



\$5-\$10 BUYS SUPPLIES
FOR A CLASS IN OUR
SCHOOLS IN AFRICA



\$2,500 PROVIDES
A YEAR'S LEADERSHIP
FOR A NEW CHURCH



\$100 PAYS THE MONTHLY
TRAVEL EXPENSES
FOR ONE MISSIONARY
IN THE PHILIPPINES



\$200 BUYS FURNITURE FOR
ONE STUDENT'S DORMITORY IN CHAMBON, FRANCE

... means putting dollars to work

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●	through	THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS	\$ 1,848,733
●	through	THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS	\$ 1,704,491
●	through	THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL ACTION	\$ 164,525
●	through	EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$ 1,000,000
●	through	STATE CONFERENCES	\$ 1,463,296
●	through	MISSIONS COUNCIL (FOR PROMOTIONAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED ABOVE)	\$ 99,081

means your gifts of



\$6,280,000

ers." He was right a second time. "We have bartered our lives away, a sordid boon." This may sound puritanical or prejudiced. But when some Congregational Christian people say that \$6,280,126 is too much to pay for the needs and objectives of *Our Christian World Mission*, it is revealing that last year each million of us Americans spent \$6,250,000 to see the movies.

The Cost Per Member Per Day

The simple fact is that this total program will cost less than two cents per day per church member. Just that — if every member gives — for this freedom enterprise. The man at the microphone, calling for help, might be surprised to learn that some free people think they can't spare two cents a day for the "glorious liberty of the children of God." But the program has been built on the conviction that Congregational Christians do care, and will share — generously and sacrificially!

Let's look at the cost of *Our Christian World Mission* from another angle. Let's talk in terms of dollars, and what they will do. A dollar put to work never gets tired or gives out. And every dollar may have unlimited influence, exerting and spending itself for truth and freedom. But too frequently, Christian people permit their dollars to fritter away and waste their time. Of course, that isn't the dollar's fault. It will do exactly what you tell it.

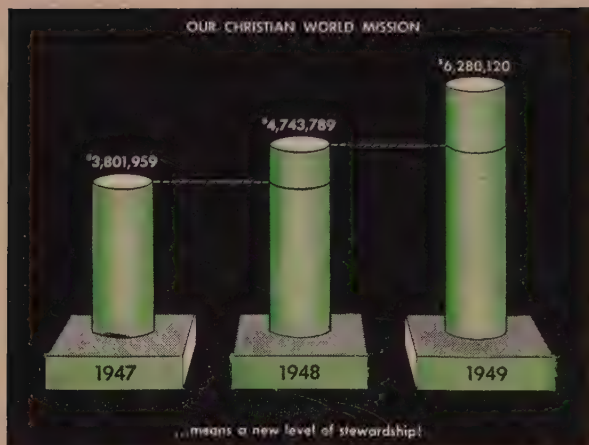
For example, if you want fifteen to twenty-five of your dollars to buy textbooks and other curricular materials for some college student in one of our mission schools, you will find that those dollars of yours will do precisely what you wish. There are young students in our Protestant school at Chambon in France who need furniture for their dormitory. Two hundred of your eager, competent dollars will equip that dormitory with desks, chairs and beds. Two thousand five hundred of your dollars will provide trained leadership for a new mission church abroad.

In countless ways, your dollars can be put to work immediately through *Our Christian World Mission* — to train minds committed to the truth, to provide trained leadership for our churches, to break the chains of disease and poverty, and to free hearts and souls for service in the name of Christ. So — don't let your dollars waste any more of their time. Just say the word — and they will be out in the world, working and spending themselves for truth and freedom.

TAKING CHRISTIANITY SERIOUSLY

Our Christian World Mission means a new high level of commitment, sacrifice and stewardship on the part of our churches and church members.

Stewardship is an old, familiar, tested Christian term. It means taking one's trust seriously. True Christians feel that they are trustees — put temporarily in charge of a few or many investments. The great obligation of a steward is to use talents and time and money in the service of others — in behalf of freedom.



The program of advance calls for a budget of \$6,280,126. It was voted and approved by the General Council in 1948. This amount represents an increase over our giving for both 1947 - 1948. The pictograph at left indicates the increase. Note how this budget compares with "luxury" expenditures in the U.S.A.

It is a significant fact that what you and you — the living and active members of our churches — give is a small percentage of what our schools, hospitals, churches and total missionary enterprise require. Approximately \$1,000,000 is contributed annually by the Christian church members of foreign countries, like China, to the tasks which we are sharing with them. Believe it or not, it is so. You and I aren't carrying all of the load.

Your Gift Makes The Difference

Fifty-six per cent of the money spent last year for regular budgetary purposes of our Board of Home Missions was contributed by deceased members, who rendered a good account of themselves through legacies and endowments. Approximately thirty-two per cent of the money expended last year by our American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions for its total program overseas came also from those no longer with us. In other words, what you and you — the living, active members of our churches — contribute to the work of our boards and agencies is only a part of the total.

Yet, the proportion that we — the living stewards — contribute represents the difference between success and failure of each indispensable project of *Our Christian World Mission*. Our stewardship, added to that of fellow-stewards living in other countries and of those who left us so fine an inheritance, is the touchstone of success, development and service.

FORWARD TOGETHER

"Go forth in peace and God go with you." Many of us have arisen from the communion table and gone our separate ways with these words resounding in our souls. "Go forth in peace . . ."

Yet, there can be no peace (either inside us or in the world outside) until there is justice, mercy, freedom and fellowship. The peace of God

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that passes all understanding can fill our hearts and minds only when they are liberated. That is why freedom is important. Everything converges upon that single point — just as our thought converges upon the formerly shackled man who, by the power of God's truth, has cast off his chains and leads the line out from the sanctuary into the embattled world.

The Quest Of Liberty Is Practical

The quest of liberty, and the fellowship of the quest, are very practical. The program of *Our Christian World Mission* — as part of the quest and its fellowship — is very practical.

For it means that we shall all go forward together, bringing with us what truth we already know, seeking more truth, and sharing what we have and what we hope to have with others who have less — or more.

And it also means relying upon God's grace to fill us full so that at length the whole earth may sing the song of freedom.

Then shall mankind-in-chains forget that he was ever shackled. The man at the microphone will have no longer any need of help. And the word of truth will be written in every heart, inscribed upon every mind, and incorporated as God's living power in the whole life of every human creature within the creative love of the one true God.



NEW LITERATURE

1. *Latest Report on the Status of the Postwar Emergency Program* Free
Where do we stand? What needs to be done now?
2. *Thanksgiving Offering Service and Envelopes* Free
Designed for the Thanksgiving Offering on November 21 to assure the success of our Increased Apportionment Giving in the Postwar Emergency Program.
3. *Our Christian World Mission Brochure* Free
The October issue of *The Missionary Herald* and Conference Editions, containing the full and official story of *Our Christian World Mission*.
4. *Pictographs* Free
A set of 33 pictographs, 22 x 28, telling in graphic form the needs to be met through *Our Christian World Mission*. Two hundred sets available in State Conference offices.
5. *Questions and Answers* Free
The answers to the questions most frequently asked about *Our Christian World Mission*. A pocket-size edition of our 1949 task.
6. *Speakers' Kit* Free
This kit will contain the copy of the brochure, an outline address on *Our Christian World Mission*, and other material for speakers.
7. *Every Member Canvass Work Kit* Free
The annual E.M.C. kit will contain new leaflets for church distribution, a large poster, the Every Member Canvass in outline, and other materials.

NEW AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

1. *Letter From China* 16 mm. color sound movie
The feature release of the year. Thirty minutes. \$5.00 — or an offering for the work of the American Board for Foreign Missions.
2. *High Potential* 16 mm. color sound movie
A new production on the need for new churches in the United States. Twenty minutes. \$5.00 — or an offering for the Board of Home Missions.
3. *Puerto Rican Story* color sound filmstrip
Our Congregational Christian work in the Yuquiyu Rural Life Community Center. Twenty minutes. Free from State Conference or Missions Council.
4. *Our Christian World Mission* color sound filmstrip
Designed to present the needs of *Our Christian World Mission*. Free from State Conferences or Missions Council.
5. *My Name Is Han* black and white 16 mm. sound movie
A human story of a Chinese family in war-destroyed China, and the role of the Christian church. Produced by the Protestant Film Commission. Thirty minutes. \$8.00.
6. *Mr. Harris Joins The Human Race* sound filmstrip
The story of Mr. Harris, an ordinary church layman, who comes to an understanding of the work of the Council for Social Action. Twenty minutes. \$2.00.

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